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2005 Annual Report

**Goffstown,
New Hampshire**





**Goffstown Babe Ruth Baseball
13 year old Baseball All-Stars
STATE CHAMPIONS**



**Goffstown Screamin' Eagles Cheerleaders
Fourteen & under Small Standard Division
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**

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DEDICATION



Henry Grady with his wife, Claire, November, 2005

Henry began his service as a Library Trustee (1966-1968) and a School Board Member (1967-1971), ensuring quality education for all citizens. His 7 children demonstrated his emphasis on education; all attended Goffstown schools followed by 4-year university programs. During his tenure on the School Board, Goffstown adopted the AREA School Plan. Years later, he acted as the vice-chairman of the Upper Elementary Feasibility Committee (1993).

In 1972, Henry was elected to the Board of Selectmen (1972-1980), and was chairman in 1974, 1977, and 1980. As a Selectman, Henry was also a member of the Planning Board (1972-1980), during a time of sharp increase of growth in the town. The increase in residential development led to the adoption of residential building codes in 1974 and Goffstown's first building official shortly after.

In 1984 Henry joined the Zoning Board of Adjustment (1984-present), acting as the ZBA chairman (1985-2001) and later as vice-chairman (2002-2004). His wisdom and understanding ensured a balance between Goffstown's zoning regulations and the rights of private property owners. During that time he also served on the Economic Development Council (1989-1991, 1994-present) and the Master Plan Update Committee (1995-1997), guiding Goffstown's development into the 21st Century. Henry has served on a variety of other boards over the last 40 years, including the Budget Committee, Historical District Commission, and Landfill Reuse Committee.

Henry, a lifelong resident of Goffstown, resides with his wife Claire in the house where he was born. We thank you, Henry, for your 40 years of continued service and we dedicate the 2005 Annual Report to you.

IN MEMORIAM

We acknowledge the following citizens who passed away in 2005 for their dedicated service to the Town of Goffstown:

Chandler Burpee

Roger Gobin

Margaret Gorman

Alice Tirrell Knight

Mary McNerney

Geraldine (Gerry) Hart Moss

Katherine (Colette) Showerman

Richard Tuttle

Eltheda Nickerson

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TOWN INFORMATION

During King Phillip's War in 1734 Goffstown and West Manchester were designated as Narragansett No. 4, and used as shelter for officers and soldiers. The Town of Goffstown, incorporated 1761, is named for Colonel John Goffe, an early settler, soldier, and civic leader. Goffstown was originally a farming community. As the town was settled during the 1760's, the timber that was cleared was used in building ships. Oxen drew the wood to the village of Piscataquog and from there it was floated by raft to Newburyport, Massachusetts. The oxen route became known as Mast Road, now the main road through Goffstown.

Goffstown is located at 43°N and 71', 36°W in Hillsborough County nine miles west of Manchester on NH Route 114; north of Bedford on Route 114; east of New Boston on Route 13; south of Weare on Route 114; and 16 miles from Concord, the state capital of New Hampshire. The town has three boroughs or regions: Goffstown Village, Grasmere Village and Pinardville.

The Town has a population of approximately 17,784(2004 OEP) and occupies approximately 36.9 square miles. Town Hall elevation is 306' above sea level, and the top of Mt. Uncanoonuc is 1,321' above sea level.

A five member Board of Selectmen governs Goffstown. Legislative policy, including passage of the Town Budget, is determined by the annual Town Meeting. The Town provides a full array of governmental services, library and recreational services. At the 1996 Annual Meeting residents passed RSA 40:13 changing the traditional town meeting to a ballot determination meeting followed by an official ballot.

TOWN HALL: Located at 16 Main Street, the Town Hall houses the following offices: Administration/Selectmen, Assessing, Building, Finance, Information Technology, Planning & Zoning, Sewer, Tax Collector, and Town Clerk. Town office hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday; 8:30 am to noon on Wednesday; and 8:30 am to 6:00 pm on Thursday.

Town Clerk: Voter registration is with the Supervisors of the Checklist or Town Clerk. To register to vote, one must be 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen and a resident of Goffstown. New voter registrations for local, state and federal elections may be done at the polls on Election Day. For eligibility to vote at the Ballot Determination Meeting you must register 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Absentee ballots are available to qualified voters for all elections.

Dog licenses expire on April 30 of each year. A dog must be licensed at three months of age. A rabies certificate is required. Fees are \$6.50 for neutered pets,

\$9.00, if unaltered. A penalty of \$1.00 per month is assessed as of June 1 for unlicensed dogs.

Automobile registration is initiated at the Registration office is due and renewable in the birth month of the resident owner. Re-registration decals are available for an additional fee of \$2.50. Plates for passenger vehicles, motorcycles, trailers and tractors are also available in this office. The Town is on-line with NH Division of Motor Vehicles to provide a full range of improved motor vehicle registration services, including boat registrations. You must present your driver's license and your state issued renewal form, or previous registration.

Property Taxes: Goffstown collects property taxes semi-annually; payments are due at the Tax Collector's Office July 1 and December 1. Property is assessed as of April 1. A town-wide revaluation was completed in 2003. The tax rate for 2005 was \$23.61 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

Zoning: The Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Goffstown was originally adopted and made effective on March 14, 1961. The Ordinance regulates land use throughout the town.



FIRE DEPARTMENT: The Fire Department provides services to the community from 3 facilities that are located throughout the Town. Fire Stations are located on Tirrell Hill Road in East Goffstown, Church Street in the Village and Mast

Road in Pinardville. The Departments Administration is located at the Village Fire Station and can be contacted by calling 497-3619.

POLICE: The Goffstown Police Department is located on Route 114 across from the State Prison for Women and adjacent to the Hillsborough County Nursing Home. The department provides emergency response to a variety of situations within the community 24 hours a day.

PUBLIC WORKS: The Public Works Department is located at 404 Elm Street adjacent to the Transfer Station facility. Its office is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. The Transfer Station for solid wastes and recyclables is located at 404 Elm Street, and is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm. Curbside solid waste and recycling pickups are once a week.

LIBRARY: The Goffstown Public Library is located at the intersection of Main Street (Route 114), High Street and Elm Street adjacent to the historic Popcorn Stand. The library is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday during the school year. Check our web site at www.goffstown.lib.nh.us for more information, or call us at 497-2102.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.: The Parks and Recreation Center is located at 155 Mast Street with meeting rooms and gymnasium for activities. The Dept. provides two supervised playgrounds with excellent summer programs, two public swimming pools, seven public tennis courts, athletic fields, a running track, and an outdoor ice-skating area, and a skateboard park. Extensive recreational activities for youth and adults are offered year-round.

SCHOOL DISTRICT: An elected nine member School Board governs the Goffstown School District; the Annual School District Meeting determines its budget. At the 1996 Annual Meeting the residents passed RSA 40:13 changing the traditional school meeting to a ballot determination meeting followed by an official ballot. School Department offices are located in the White Building at 11 School Street in Goffstown Village. The Superintendent of Schools serves the school districts of Goffstown, Dunbarton and New Boston. In Goffstown, the public schools consist of two elementary schools, grades 1 - 4, Maple Avenue School in the Village and Bartlett School in Pinardville; one middle school, grades 5-8, Mountain View Middle School, 41 Lauren Lane in Goffstown, which accepts tuition students from Dunbarton and New Boston, and one high school, grades 9-12, Goffstown High School, 27 Wallace Road in the Village, which accepts Dunbarton and New Boston tuition students.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Selectmen

Every Monday at 6:00 PM unless posted otherwise. Meetings held in the Selectmen Meeting Room at Goffstown Town Hall.

Budget Committee

Third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Goffstown Town Hall.

Community Access Cable TV Committee

First Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the GTV studio in Goffstown High School.

Capital Improvement Program (C.I.P.) Committee

May through November Wednesdays at 7:00 PM as needed.

Conservation Commission

Fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at Goffstown Town Hall.

Economic Development Council

Fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM at the Goffstown Town Hall.

Highway Safety Committee As needed

Historic District Commission

Second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Grasmere Town Hall / School House #9.

Library Trustees

Third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Library.

Parks & Recreation Committee

Third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Parks & Recreation Center.

Planning Board

Second & fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at Goffstown Town Hall.

School Board

First & third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Goffstown High School.

Sewer Commission

Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Goffstown Town Hall.

Solid Waste Commission

Third Wednesday of March, June, Sept., & Dec. at 6:45 PM at the Goffstown Dept. of Public Works Building.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Goffstown Town Hall.

Meetings Schedule is subject to change in some cases, please contact the Town Offices or visit our website, www.goffstown.com to confirm date and times.

PEOPLE SERVING GOFFSTOWN

Governor

John Lynch

United States Senators

Judd Gregg

John E. Sununu

Representative in Congress

Jeb Bradley - 1st. District

Executive Councilor- District 5

Debora B. Pignatelli

State Senator- District 20

Lou D'Allesandro

Representatives to

General Court as of

12/04-DISTRICT - 7

Stephen A. Baines

Lawrence A. Emerton, Sr.

Randolph (Rip) Holden

Bruce F. Hunter

Neal M. Kurk

Pamela V. Manney

Karen K. McRae

Robert L. Wheeler

Board of Selectmen

Gossett W. McRae, *Chair* 2006

Bruce F. Hunter, *Vice Chair* 2007

Philip A. D'Avanza 2008

Barbara J. Griffin 2007

Robert L. Wheeler 2006

Town Moderator

Rodney L. Stark 2006

Town Clerk

Donna A. Bergeron 2008

Town Treasurer

Jean C. Mayberry 2008

Administrative Officers

Sue Desruisseaux, MPA

Town Administrator, Dep. Treasurer

Michael French, *Police Chief,*
Emergency Management Dir.

Frank Carpentino, *Fire Chief and Forest*
Fire Warden

Carl L. Quiram, *Public Works Director*

David L. French, *Recreation Director*

Dianne Hathaway, *Library Director*

Jim Bingham, MS

Asst. Town Administrator

Janice O'Connell, MBA,

Finance Director

Gail Lavallee, *Tax Collector*

Renee Millson, *Dep. Tax Collector*

Ron Mace, *Assessor*

Edmond Neveu, *Building Inspector,*

Building Code Enforcement Officer,
and Health Officer

Stephen Griffin, AICP, *Planning &*
Economic Development Coordinator

Derek Horne, *Zoning Code*
Enforcement Officer

Neil Funcke, MS, *IT Administrator*

Kerry P. Steckowych, *Prosecutor*

Paul Fitzgerald and William Drescher,
Town Counsel

ADA Compliance Committee

Susan Desruisseaux, *Coord.*

Rosemary Garretson 2006

Richard Hopf 2006

Jean Mayberry 2006

Wayne Richardson 2006

Ellen Vermokowitz

School Board Rep. 2005

Budget Committee

Dan Cloutier, *Chair* 2006

Robert Desmeules 2006

John Caprio 2006

John Hikel 2008

Eric Geissenhainer 2008

William Gleeson, *Town Sub-chair* 2007

Phillip E. Kendall II, *Sch. Sub-chair* 2007

Budget Committee (cont.)

Jeffrey A. Tate	2007
Suzanne Tremblay	2008
<i>vacant</i>	2007
<i>vacant</i>	2008
<i>vacant</i>	2006
Philip Pancoast, <i>School Board Rep.</i>	
Robert L. Wheeler, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
Richard Fletcher, <i>Goffstown Village Water Precinct Rep.</i>	
Peter Georgantas, <i>Grasmere Village Water Precinct Rep.</i>	

Building Board of Appeals

Arthur Rose, Sr., <i>Chair</i>
Norman Chauvette
Darron Pierson
Wayne Richardson
David White
Paul Lebrun, <i>Alt.</i>

Cable TV Access Committee

Rosemary Garretson, <i>Chair</i>	2006
Donald Gagnon, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	2008
Marie Boyle	2006
Andrea Card	2008
James Pingree	2007
Patrick Tucker	2006
Ryan Casey	2007
Jim Bingham, <i>Gov't. Adv.</i>	
Richard Gagnon, <i>PEG Coordinator</i>	
3 Vacant Alternate Positions	

Cemetery Trustees

Leon Konieczny, <i>Chair</i>	2006
Linda Reynolds-Naughton	2008
Jean Walker	2007

C.I.P. Committee

Fred Plett, <i>Chair</i>	2006
Ray Labore, <i>Budget Rep.</i>	2006
Earl S. Carrel, <i>Community</i>	2006
Frederick P. Cass, <i>Community</i>	2006
Patrick Tucker, <i>Community</i>	2006
Janice O'Connell, <i>Finance Dir</i>	2006
Stephen Griffin, <i>Planning Adv.</i>	2006
Scott Gross, <i>Sch. Board. Rep.</i>	2006

C.I.P. Committee (cont.)

Keith Allard, <i>Alt. Sch. Bd Rep.</i>	2006
Robert L. Wheeler, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	2006

Conservation Commission

Evelyn Miller, <i>Chair</i>	2008
David Nieman, <i>Vice Chair.</i>	2007
Karen McRae	2006
Kim Ricard	2006
Susan Tucker	2006
Jean Walker	2007
Kimberly Peace	2008
Charles Freiburger, <i>Alt.</i>	2007
Timothy Hanson, <i>Alt.</i>	2006
Lisa Yesse, <i>Alt.</i>	2006
Jim Bingham, <i>Gov't. Adv.</i>	
Barbara Griffin, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
2 Vacant-Alt.	

Economic Development Council

Philip Tatro, <i>Chair</i>	2007
Richard Bruno	2006
Judith Desmeules	2008
Albert Desruisseaux	2007
Andre Gamache	2006
William Gordon	2007
Henry Grady	2008
Bryan King	2008
John E. Neville	2007
Colleen L. Sage	2006
Bruce F. Hunter, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
Robert Wheeler, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
Stephen Griffin, <i>TA's Rep.</i>	
William Wynne, <i>Planning Bd. Rep.</i>	

Goffstown Common**Oversight Committee**

David French, <i>Parks & Rec Dir., Chair</i>	
Larry Brown, <i>Citizen Rep.</i>	2005
Carl Quiram, <i>Public Works Dir.</i>	
Mark Rynearson, <i>Citizen Rep.</i>	2005
Gossett McRae, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	

Goffstown Village Water Precinct

Allen D. Gamans, <i>Chair</i>	2010
Henry C. Boyle	2008

Goffstown Village Water**Precinct(cont.)**

Richard Coughlin	2007
Richard Fletcher	2009
Raymond Taber	2006
Linda Reynolds-Naughton, <i>Clerk</i>	
George Collins, <i>moderator</i>	2006

Grasmere Village Water Precinct

Peter Georgantas, <i>Chair</i>	2006
William Swanson	2008
Diane Rand, <i>Clerk</i>	2007
Alice Rohr, <i>Treasurer</i>	2007

Highway Safety Committee

Michael French, <i>Police Dept., Chair</i>	
Stephen Griffin, <i>Planning & Economic Dev. Coordinator</i>	
Philip D'Avanza, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
Carl Quiram, <i>Public Works Dir.</i>	
Ruth E. Gage, <i>Comm. Rep.</i>	2006

Historic District Commission

Philip D'Avanza, <i>Chair/ Sel. Rep.</i>	2006
Charles W. Carr	2007
Lionel Coulon	2006
Elizabeth Dubrielle	2006
Roberta Perkins, <i>Treasurer</i>	2007
Rodney Stark, <i>Alt.</i>	2005
Annie Vincent, <i>Alt.</i>	2005
David White, <i>Alt.</i>	2005
Jim Bingham, <i>Gov't. Adv.</i>	
2 Vacant Positions	
2 Vacant Alt. Positions	

Library Trustees

George Fullerton, <i>Chair</i>	2006
Henry C. Boyle	2008
Steve Brzozowski	2008
Barbara J. Griffin, <i>Trustee & Sel. Rep.</i>	2006
Lisa Iodice	2007
Susan Osburn	2007
Susan Plante,	2008
3 Vacant Alt. Positions	

Parks & Recreation Commission

Robert P. Draper, <i>Chair</i>	2007
George Havener, <i>Vice Chair</i>	2008
Kurt Lauer	2007
Barbara Larkin	2007
D. Michael McKinnon	2006
Philip C. Tatro	2008
Susan Tucker	2008
J. Claude LaRoche, <i>Alt.</i>	2007
Robert L. Wheeler, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
Jeffrey Tate, <i>Budget Rep.</i>	

Planning Board

Richard Georgantas, <i>Chairman</i>	2006
Jo Ann Duffy, <i>Vice Chair</i>	2006
James Raymond	2007
William Wynne	2007
Lowell VonRuden	2008
Joseph Beauchemin	2008
Timothy Redmond, <i>Alt.</i>	2007
Alan Yeaton, <i>Alt.</i>	2008
William Zackeroff, <i>Alt.</i>	2008
Gossett W. McRae, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
Robert Wheeler, <i>Alt Sel. Rep.</i>	
1 Vacant Alt Position	

School Board

Ellen Vermokowitz, <i>Chair</i>	2007
Keith Allard	2006
Lorry Cloutier	2007
Scott Gross	2007
Virginia "Ginny" McKinnon	2006
Karen Pratt	2008
Philip Pancoast	2008
Jane Raymond	2006
Sara Ann Sarette	2008
Shea Sennett, <i>Student Rep.</i>	

School Moderator

Lawrence A. Emerton, Sr.	2006
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School Clerk

Jo Ann Duffy	2006
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School Treasurer

Helen Skoglund	2006
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School District Administration**S.A.U. #19**

Darrell J. Lockwood, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools

Gail Kushner, Asst. Superintendent

Kathi Titus, Asst. Superintendent

Michele Croteau, Business Manager

Bartlett Elementary School

David Bousquet, Principal

Goffstown Area High School

Frank McBride, Principal

Dixie Tremblay, Asst. Principal

Kim McCann, Asst. Principal

Maple Ave. Elementary

Marc A. Boyd, Principal

Leslie Doster, Asst. Principal

Mountain View Middle

Rose L. Colby, Principal

Fred Deppe, Asst. Principal

Sandra Davis, Assoc. Principal

Sewer Commission

Stephen R. Crean, Chair 2008

James A. Bouchard 2006

Paul LaPerle 2007

Bruce F. Hunter, Sel. Rep.

Solid Waste Commission

Fred Plett, Chair 2006

J. Robert Champagne 2007

Solid Waste Commission (cont.)

Paul Laperle 2007

Thomas Lee 2006

Andre Roy 2007

I. Richard Schaffner 2008

Donald Tuttle 2008

Vacant 2006

Bruce L. Hunter, Sel. Rep.

Tom Fatcheric, Advisor

So. NH Planning Commission

Arthur Rose 2004

Henry C. Boyle 2006

Robert L. Wheeler 2005

Barbara J. Griffin, Alt. 2005

Supervisors of the Checklist

Patricia Wynne, Chair 2008

Sara Ann Sarette 2010

Suzanne Tremblay 2006

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Kenneth Rose, Chair 2007

Earl S. Carrel 2008

George Collins 2006

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Anthony Marts, Chair 2008

Henry Grady, Vice Chair 2006

Wayne Richardson 2008

Marie Boyle, Alt. 2007

Julie Grandgeorge 2007

Gail Labreque 2007

William Wynne,
Alt. Planning Bd. Rep.

4 vacant alternates

SELECTMEN ANNUAL REPORT



L-R: Vice Chairman Bruce Hunter, Selectman Philip D'Avanza, Chairman Gossett McRae, Selectman Robert Wheeler, Selectman Barbara Griffin.

It is time to review and assess our annual goals. One of our many goals last year was to review and update the employee Wellness Policy, to enable employees to reach their health goals. This is also an important goal for taxpayers because healthier employees have fewer injuries and illnesses, which results in higher productivity and lower insurance rates. A new Wellness Policy is in effect and should step-up the level of participation by employees.

An ongoing goal is to compile, review and revise the town ordinances. The compilation of Town ordinances is complete and ordinances are kept current as ordinances are adopted or revised. Next year a detailed review of each ordinance is recommended.

During 2005 a Rails-to-Trails Committee was formed and met on several occasions. Their efforts resulted in the adoption and installation of signs along the trail. A grant application was completed to fund the design and construction of the trail. The grant received high marks during the first round and notification is expected in April.

Another ongoing goal is to increase recycling. The municipal curbside recycling program has increased recycling from 17% to 27%. In July 2006 the town changed from an annual Household Hazardous Waste Day to anytime by appointment. This change has been well received by Goffstown residents. Since

July 2006, 80 households have participated and 2 tons of household hazardous waste has been disposed.

In 2005 the Town of Goffstown's tax base was 9.1% commercial/industrial, 89% residential and 1.9% utilities. Efforts to increase the commercial/industrial tax base have resulted in a reconsideration of our approach to economic development. This year there are three articles regarding Tax Increment Financing, which we hope the voters will support so that the town can increase its commercial/industrial tax base.

Regarding our commitment to communicate with the public, the town's up-to-date website keeps residents informed of board and committee activities. The "Voters Guide" was published and distributed to each household in town and the response from the public was very positive. GTV has made progress regarding televising board and committee meetings through the use of updated technology. The goal to establish a broadband franchise with the Merton Group was dismissed.

This year two of the three collective bargaining agreements were negotiated and voter support is sought at Town Meeting. A review of non-union salaries was also completed.

We continue to work with the district court regarding relocation so that Town Hall staff can have the space they need to better serve the public.

The Town continues to struggle to meet the needs of the community while holding the tax rate. Last year voters supported development of a 24/7 plan for Fire and EMS services. Selectmen realized that the city model for 24/7 Fire and EMS would not be affordable to the Goffstown taxpayer and therefore explored alternatives. An article merging Police, Fire, EMS and Code Enforcement into a Public Safety Department, a cost effective alternative to the city model, was placed on the annual warrant but amended at the Deliberative Session. The Selectmen thank the hardworking team of town employees who have helped in carrying out the Board of Selectmen goals and the mission given by the voters.

We recognize and thank the many volunteers who serve on town committees, commissions and boards. Your countless hours and efforts assist us in meeting the ever-increasing demands on municipal government. The Main Street Program volunteers are recognized for all their efforts in promoting Goffstown's community image.

Diane and Mike Ryan deserve special thanks for designing, coordinating, and completing the landscaping project at Town Hall. Many individuals and businesses donated money, materials and labor to beautify Town Hall. The result is outstanding!

This year's many accomplishments are attributed to the support of the Goffstown voters at the last town meeting.

Thank you and we look forward to your continued support.

GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Gossett W. McRae, *Chairman*

Philip A. D'Avanza

Bruce F. Hunter, *Vice-Chairman*

Barbara J. Griffin

Robert L. Wheeler



The new Town Hall sign, part of this year's Town Hall landscape project, which was completed by volunteers from the Rotary Club, Main Street Program and Town employees.

REPORT OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE SENATE TO THE TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN

Thank you for the opportunity to report to the residents of Goffstown from the New Hampshire State Senate.

I am pleased to report that since SB335, which gave adult adoptees access to their original birth certificates, went into affect on January 1, 2005, over 780 individuals have accessed their birth records. This law continues to have a positive impact and remains one of the most important and personally satisfying initiatives I have ever sponsored.

As part of the Capital Budget that was passed in 2005, \$8 million was allocated for a new building at the Manchester Community Technical College. This will afford students from District 20 an opportunity to get a quality education at this public institution.

This past fall, I visited Goffstown High School, Maple Ave Elementary School, the Mountain View Middle School and the Bartlett Elementary School and also hosted students from the Villa Augustine School at the State House. I spoke with the students about my role as a State Senator, the legislative process and government in general. I was so impressed with the enthusiasm of the students.

The 2006 Legislative Session is now underway. Some of the priorities I will be working on this year include a bill to authorize the hiring of additional state troopers, a lead paint poisoning prevention bill and a bill to provide for more efficient operation of the Department of Corrections.

I continue to serve as Chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee and Vice Chairman of the Capital Budget Committee. I have also retained my seat on the Senate Finance Committee.

If you would like to discuss a particular piece of legislation with me or if I can be of help with a problem or concern, please do not hesitate to call me at my office, 271-2600, or write me at: State House, Rm. 117, Concord, NH 03301.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou D'Allesandro
NH Senate, District 20

TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN, NH

2006 ANNUAL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Goffstown in the County of Hillsborough qualified to vote in Town affairs, and to the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Goffstown, qualified to vote in School District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at seven o'clock in the evening at Goffstown Area High School in said Town for the first portion of Town Meeting, also known as the deliberative session, to act on the following subjects and determine matters which will then be voted upon by the official ballot on March 14, 2006. (Snow date is Thursday, February 9, 2006.)

You are further notified to meet March 14, 2006 to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls will open on March 14, 2006 at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. in the First District at the Goffstown Area High School and will open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. in the Fifth District at the Bartlett Elementary School.

ARTICLE 1

To choose all Town Officers, Trustees, Commissioners, and School District Officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2

Shall the town adopt Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending the Zoning Ordinance to create a new district (RSBO-1) with supplemental standards as a transition zone around the R-1 district for the purpose of preserving historic fabric and character, while recognizing market forces for use and building change, applied to the following properties along North and South Mast Streets?

Map / Lot to change from R-1 to RSBO-1:

7/74-1	30/23	34/1	37/13	37/34	37/50	38/27
	30/37	34/2	37/14	37/35	37/51	38/28
29/53	30/38	34/3	37/15	37/36	37/52	38/29
29/54	30/39	34/4	37/16	37/37		38/30
29/55	30/40	34/5	37/18	37/38	38/14	38/31
29/56	30/41	34/28	37/19	37/39	38/15	38/32
29/57	30/42		37/25	37/40	38/16	38/33
29/58	30/43	35/1	37/26	37/41	38/17	38/34
29/59	30/43A	35/1A	37/27	37/42	38/18	38/35

29/60	30/44	35/2	37/28	37/43	38/19	
29/61	30/45	35/3	37/29	37/44	38/20	
29/62	30/46		37/30	37/45	38/21	
	30/46A	37/10	37/31	37/46	38/22	
30/21	30/47	37/11	37/32	37/47	38/25	
30/22	30/48	37/12	37/33	37/48	38/26	

Map / Lot to change from RSBOD to RSBO-1

30/46-1						
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The existing RSBO district would be re-titled RSBO-2. The full text of this article is available at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 3

Shall the town adopt Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board, amend the Zoning Ordinance by adding a new Section 2.5.5 to deal with lots split by zoning districts, codifying current practice?

The full text of this article is available at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 4

Shall the town adopt Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 4.2.5.1 of the Zoning Ordinance, clarifying that the height limits for buildings shall be in accordance with the requirements of Section 4.3, Table of Dimensional Regulations?

The full text of this article is available at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 5

Shall the town adopt Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 6.8 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow internal direction, as well as project identity signs; add a new Section between 6.3.5 and 6.3.6, allowing yard sale signs without sign permits; amend Section 6.12 Special Event Signs, allowing such signs in any district and removing yard sale sign from this category, and amend Section 6.13, Temporary Signs, providing sign standards, rather than requiring a conditional use permit?

The full text of this article is available at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 6

Shall the town adopt Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending special exception findings under Section 14.3.2.1 to read as follows:

- 14.3.2.1.1 The specific site is an appropriate location for such use, being consistent with the Town's current Master Plan;
- 14.3.2.1.2 The size, or frequency, of the use will not significantly alter the character of the neighborhood;
- 14.3.2.1.3 The use will not create a nuisance or hazard to vehicles or pedestrians in a manner that cannot be ameliorated;
- 14.3.2.1.4 The proposed location is of sufficient size to allow for adequate and appropriate facilities for the proper operation of the use; and
- 14.3.2.1.5 The proposed location is of sufficient size to allow for appropriate buffers of this use to adjacent properties.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 7

Shall the town adopt Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 9.3.2.3 to lower the allowed density for age-restricted manufactured and to clarify how density is to be measured?

The full text of this article is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 8

Shall the town adopt Amendment #7 as submitted by petition, amending the glossary by adding:

Age Restricted Housing – Age restricted housing shall mean housing which requires one resident over 55 years of age and prohibits residents under 18 years of age. To qualify as Age Restricted Housing, said housing shall include the following significant services and facilities specifically designed to meet the physical and social needs of older persons (as listed by NH Commission on Human Rights, Chapter 302.03 c).

1. Programs designed to provide a social life for residents;
2. Continuing education programs of interest to residents;
3. Information and counseling services;
4. Recreational programs;
5. Homemaker services;

6. Services designed to assist residents with the maintenance and upkeep of buildings and grounds;
7. An accessible physical environment;
8. Emergency and preventable health care programs;
9. Congregate dining facilities;
10. Transportation to facilitate access to social services;
11. Referral services; and
12. Services designed to encourage and assist residents to use the services and facilities available to them.

Submitted by petition. Not Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operation, expenses and commitments of the town government, the budget approved by the Budget Committee in the amount of Sixteen Million Three Hundred Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$16,316,220).

This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of Seven Million Eight Hundred Twenty Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars (\$7,824,629).

The Sewer Enterprise Fund of One Million Nine Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Three dollars (\$1,923,423) is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations request in this article.

The EMS Special Revenue Fund of Three Hundred Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety One dollars (\$310,991) is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations request in this article.

The motion on the operating budget shall be the following, with only the appropriation amount subject to amendment: "Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Sixteen Million Three Hundred Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$16,316,220)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Sixteen Million Three Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Six dollars (\$16,302,486), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Goffstown or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a

revised operating budget only.” NOTE: This article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Goffstown by its Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, Local No. 371 representing the employees in the bargaining unit from the Police Department running through December 31, 2010 and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Forty Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars (\$40,277) such sum representing the additional costs attributable at current staffing levels paid in 2005. The estimated additional costs for 2007 over the costs in 2006 will be Fifty Two Thousand Sixty Eight Dollars (\$52,068). The estimated additional costs for 2008 over the costs in 2007 will be Thirty One Thousand Two Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$31,218). The estimated additional costs in 2009 over the costs in 2008 will be Twenty Seven Thousand Dollars Seven Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars (\$27,787). The estimated additional costs in 2010 over the costs in 2009 will be Thirty Three Thousand Four Hundred Ten Dollars (\$33,410). The cost items for future years will be included in the operating budget. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 9.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Goffstown by its Board of Selectmen and the Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire representing the employees in the bargaining unit from the Department of Public Works running through December 31, 2010 and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Thirty Five Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$35,518) such sum representing the additional costs attributable at current staffing levels paid in 2005. The estimated additional costs for 2007 over the costs in 2006 will be Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Four Dollars (\$25,904). The estimated additional costs for 2008 over the costs in 2007 will be Thirty Six Thousand Twenty Two Dollars (\$36,022). The estimated additional costs in 2009 over the costs in 2008 will be Thirty Two Thousand Forty Seven Dollars (\$32,047). The estimated additional costs in 2010 over the costs in 2009 will be Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Nine Dollars (\$49,659). The cost items for future

years will be included in the operating budget. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 9.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Eight Hundred Twenty One Thousand dollars (\$1,821,000) for the purpose of implementing the current phase of the Road Improvement Plan. The road improvement plan has been part of the CIP process since 2002 and annual appropriations for the plan have been approved as Special Articles since 2002. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 9.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 162-K:1, to adopt the provisions of RSA 162-K relative to Municipal Economic Development and Revitalization Districts so that the town will thereafter have all the authority, powers, duties and responsibilities set forth in that chapter.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 14

Assuming the adoption by the Town of Article 13, to see whether the town will vote, pursuant to RSA 162-K:3 & 5, to resolve that the adoption and implementation of the Mast Road Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Development District Plan will serve a public purpose as the same is contemplated in RSA 162-K:5 and to adopt the Mast Road Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Development District Plan.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 15

Assuming the adoption by the Town of Article 14, to see whether the town will vote, pursuant to RSA 162-K:5, to create and establish the Tax Increment Financing District described in the Mast Road Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Development District Plan and, in addition to establishing the district, establish the development program and tax increment financing plan more particularly set forth in said plan.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be deposited into the Grasmere Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund and furthermore to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Grasmere Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund as provided by RSA 35:15. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 9.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the purpose of purchasing an excavator. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 9.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Fifteen Thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of funding the nonprofit Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 9.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Ninety Four Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Seven dollars (\$94,427) from the EMS Special Revenue Fund to reimburse the Town's General Fund for the purchase of the new ambulance in 2005. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 9 and results in revenue to the General Fund so that property taxes will not be raised to pay for the ambulance.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Library Board of Trustees indefinitely, until rescinded, to accept on behalf of the Library gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the Library for any public purpose, pursuant to RSA 202-A:4-d. This vote shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the Town Meeting. The Library Board of Trustees must hold a public hearing before accepting any such gift valued at over \$5,000, and

the acceptance shall not bind the library to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, repair, or replacement of such personal property.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen, in their judgment, to transfer permanent and non-exclusive easement rights, license land rights or otherwise grant property rights in property owned by the Town of Goffstown, State of New Hampshire, shown at Tax Map 34, Lot 177 and known as (East Union Street Pump Station), to a private developer for the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for use in conjunction with the proposed development project on property located at Tax Map 34, Lot 171, on Factory Street and East Union Street. The easement rights proposed for conveyance by the Town of Goffstown for the benefit of Lot 171 include a stormwater drainage easement and a joint driveway access easement. In addition to the consideration set forth above, the Town of Goffstown shall also receive easements over Lot 171, allowing a common driveway access, pedestrian river walk access, public utilities, snowplow turn-around and any other provisions required by a the Town of Goffstown Planning Board. The final form of the easements referenced in this Warrant Article 21 shall be, in a form satisfactory to the town attorney. The selectmen are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to carry this article into effect.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen, in their judgment, to grant a permanent, non-exclusive access easement across the rail to trail corridor owned by the Town of Goffstown, State of New Hampshire, to a private developer for use in conjunction with the proposed development project on property located at Tax Map 34, Lot 171 on Factory Street and East Union Street. The final form of the easements referenced in this Warrant Article 22 shall be in a form satisfactory to the town attorney. The selectmen are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to carry this article into effect.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to sell, transfer easement rights, license land rights or otherwise grant property rights in Town owned property at Map 34 Lot

177 (East Union Street Pumping Station), to a private developer for use in conjunction with the proposed development project on Map 34 Lot 171.

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to endorse the Board of Selectmen's decision to consolidate Police, Fire, EMS, and Code Enforcement services into a Public Safety Department administered by a Public Safety Director. The savings from this administrative consolidation will result in a reduction to the operating budget of Seventy Seven Thousand Sixteen Dollars (-\$77,016). (This appropriation is a reduction to Article 9.)

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to continue the Police and Fire Departments as the separate entities they have been for many years, and restore to office any personnel who may have been removed from said office, if reorganization has begun before this vote.

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to reaffirm the continuation of separate Fire and Police Departments, with each department run by a fire chief and police chief, with each being the distinct department head for their respective departments.

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to direct and require the Board of Selectmen to reinstate Frank Carpentino to the position of Fire Chief and department head of the Fire Department.

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to make the position of Public Safety Director an elected position with a 2-year term, should the Town legislative body approve the consolidation of its public safety services. The election of the Public Safety Director shall not be held until the next succeeding annual meeting following the approval of this article.

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of paragraph I and II of NH RSA 154:5, which includes allowing a fire chief's tenure to be based on good conduct and efficiency and provides for the suspension and/or dismissal of a fire chief only for cause, after he or she, has been presented with a written specification of the reasons.

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$221,258 (above the 2006 operating budget) of the \$402,893 necessary to employ 18 additional full time Firefighter/EMTs within the Goffstown Fire Department, in order to implement 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, fire and fire based Emergency Medical Services, staffing a minimum of two fire stations. The effective date of hiring nine new full time Firefighter/EMTs shall commence effective July 1, 2006; and the effective date of which the remaining nine full time Firefighter/EMTs shall commence with a hiring date of September 1, 2006.

Submitted by petition.

Not Recommended by Board of Selectmen.

Not Recommended by Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to require that, in order to be elected or to serve as a selectmen, one must physically reside within the Town of Goffstown.

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town will vote to adopt provisions of RSA 40:14 to delegate the determination of the Goffstown Town Default Budget to the municipal budget committee.

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 33

To see if the Town of Goffstown shall adopt the provisions of RSA 40-14b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the Municipal Budget Committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14.

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 34

To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with RSA 32:15, to reduce the number of members of the Budget Committee from sixteen (16) to thirteen (13) members, of which nine (9) members are to be elected at large, three each year for 3-year overlapping terms. Four representatives shall be selected for one-year terms, one each from the selectmen, the school board, the Goffstown Water Precinct, and the Grasmere Water Precinct.

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 35

To see if the Town will adopt and approve the Charter recommended and submitted on December 15, 2004 by the 2004 Charter Commission. The following chart summarizes the current form of government and the major changes in the proposed Charter:

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED CHANGES</u>
GOVERNING BODY	5 Selectmen	7 Councilors
ADMINISTRATION	Selectmen/Town Administrator	Town Manager
CEMETERY TRUSTEES	Elected	Appointed
BUDGET COMMITTEE	12 Elected Members	9 Elected Members
BOND PASSAGE	3/5 (60%) majority vote	2/3 (66 2/3%) majority vote
DEFAULT BUDGET	Set by Board of Selectmen	Set by Budget Committee
PETITIONS	All Petitions (Appropriations, Zoning, other):	Petitions: Appropriations, Zoning, and Initiative 25 registered voters Petitions: 50 registered voters Referendum Petitions: 500 registered voters Recall of Officeholder Petitions: 250 registered voters

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 36

To hear the reports of Town Officers, Auditors and Committees and to pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 37

To transact any business that may legally come before said meeting.

GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Gossett W. McRae, Chairman
Bruce F. Hunter, Vice Chairman
Robert L. Wheeler

Barbara J. Griffin
Philip A. D'Avanza

Then personally appeared the above named Robert L. Wheeler, Bruce F. Hunter, Philip A. D'Avanza, Barbara J. Griffin, and Gossett W. McRae, and under oath that the above certificate by them is true.

Donna Bergeron, Town Clerk



TOWN BALLOT DETERMINATION MEETING

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2005

Town Moderator Rodney Stark called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. He introduced the Webelos from Goffstown Boy Scout Den #7 of Pack 99, who presented the colors, and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

He also introduced the people at the head tables: Town Clerk Donna Bergeron, Town Scribe Marie Boyle, and Assistant Moderator Fred Plett, (who will assist him tonight in everything except the Charter article, as he is a member of the Charter Commission); Selectman Chairman Robert Wheeler, Vice-chairman Bruce Hunter, Selectman Phil D'Avanza, Selectman Gossett McRae, Selectman Barbara Griffin, Town Administrator Sue Desruisseaux and Town Finance Director Janice O'Connell. There were 167 voters registered.

Moderator Stark recognized David French, Parks and Recreation Director.

D. French – Tonight is our 16th annual Robinson-Cullerot Volunteer Award presentation. The candidates for this award are Kerry Steckowych, Phil and Jill Hastings, John Morris and Dennis Lafond, and tonight's award winner, Allan Palmer.

Palmer thanked the commission for the honor, and said he feels this is not only for him, but for all of the guys who join him in volunteering to work with kids.

R. Stark noted at the 1996 town meeting, the town adopted SB2, which is the Standardized Official Ballot Referendum System, which basically did away with town meeting as we had known it. He stated, in the conduct of this meeting, you need to know that we will not be voting to pass any articles tonight. Voting on the articles will take place on Tuesday, March 8 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Goffstown High School and at Bartlett Elementary School. He explained the rules under which the meeting will be conducted. If an amendment is adopted by this meeting, the amended article will appear on the ballot on March 8.

(Read the posting of the warrant).

J. Caprio moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant; the motion was seconded by R. Wheeler. Motion passed unanimously.

R. Stark – Article 1 will be voted upon on March 8, and articles 2 through 15 are planning board articles. So we'll start with Article 16.

Article 16 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operation, expenses and commitments of the town government, the budget approved by the Budget Committee (and Board of Selectmen) in the amount of sixteen million one hundred sixty-one thousand five hundred fifty dollars (\$16,161,550). This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of seven million nine hundred and eighty-one thousand nine hundred dollars (\$7,981,900). The Sewer Enterprise Fund of two million ninety-seven thousand two hundred two dollars (\$2,097, 202) is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations request in this article.

The EMS Special Revenue Fund of two hundred two thousand six hundred ninety-five dollars (\$202,695) is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations request in this article. The motion on the operating budget shall be the following, with only the appropriation amount subject to amendment: "Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling sixteen million one hundred sixty-one thousand five hundred fifty dollars (\$16,161,550)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be fifteen million three hundred fifteen thousand five hundred thirty dollars (\$15,315,530), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Goffstown or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only." NOTE: This article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article. *Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.*

Selectman Wheeler moved the article to the floor, seconded by Selectman Hunter.

R. Wheeler - This year, after some spirited discussions, the board of selectmen and the budget committee agreed on this budget. We anticipate that the tax rate will be about the same as it was last year.

P. Georgantas - I think we should suspend discussion on this article until after we do Article 29, because they both contain some of the same things.

R Wheeler – This article represents the work of the budget committee and the selectmen. Article 29 is an article submitted by petition and we need to hear from the petitioners. It says at the end, that this article does not include appropriations in any other warrant article. Whatever passes will be adjusted and added.

P. Georgantas – I agree with that, but I'm saying some of the items in Article 29 are included in the budget. If they both pass, there will be three fire trucks in the budget.

Mark Lemay – I'm the author of Article 29. I agree with Mr. Wheeler. Article 29 will be amended and there will be a large chunk of money taken out of it.

Hank Boyle – Bob, did you say there would be no tax rate increase this year?

R. Wheeler – I believe I said that the increase would be about the same as last year's.

R. Stark – I'm not inclined to change the order of the articles. Is there any further discussion? (There was none). Then we'll move to Article 17.

(Article 16 will appear on the ballot as printed).

Article 17 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Eight Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand dollars (\$1,865,000) for the purpose of implementing the current phase of the road improvement plan. The road improvement plan has been part of the CIP process since 2002 and the annual appropriations for the plan have been approved as Special Articles since 2002. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 16). *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.*

Selectman Hunter moved the article to the floor: The motion was seconded by Selectman D'Avanza.

Hunter – At the March 2001 annual meeting, the voters approved the road improvement program. Its continued funding will assist the town to achieve its goal of upgrading all town roads to an acceptable level.

R. Stark – Any discussion on this article? (There was none).

(Article 17 will appear on the ballot as printed).

Article 18 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) to be deposited into the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund which was established in 2003 pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the purpose of land acquisition, easements and/or land rights for conservation purposes. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 16). *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.*

Selectman Griffin moved the article to the floor; motion was seconded by Selectman Hunter.

B. Griffin – This is the third year of this funding request. The selectmen are the agents of this fund, as outlined in the original article. Any acquisitions need

to follow the standard requirements. Right now there's \$160,000 in this fund, plus interest.

R. Stark – Anyone want to speak on this? (There was nobody).

(Article 18 will appear on the ballot as printed).

Article 19 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of funding the nonprofit Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 16).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

Selectman McRae moved the article to the floor; motion was seconded by R. Wheeler.

G. McRae – The Main Street program was established in 1999 and has been funded by the voters at this level since then. I don't think I need to say much about Main Street, I feel everyone here is familiar with it.

R. Stark – Anyone else wish to be heard? (Answer was no).

(Article 19 will appear on the ballot as printed).

Article 20 – To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of restoring the Grasmere Town Hall, and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be deposited in this fund. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 16). *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.*

P. D'Avanza moved the article to the floor and Selectman Hunter seconded the motion.

P. D'Avanza – The article addresses the Grasmere Town Hall. In 1997, voters voted to retain the building. It's one of the cornerstones of the community and is listed on the National Historic Register.

R. Stark – Does anyone wish to be heard on this article? (No one did).

(Article 20 will appear on the ballot as printed).

Article 21 – To see if the Town will vote to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from the Grasmere Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund as provided by RSA 35:15. *Presented by the Board of Selectmen.*

P. D'Avanza moved the article to the floor and Selectman Hunter seconded the motion.

P. D'Avanza – Article 21 gives the selectmen the authority to act as agents of this fund, similar to the Conservation Fund previously discussed.

R. Stark – Does anyone wish to be heard on this? (No one did).

(Article 21 will appear on the ballot as printed).

Article 22 – Shall the town of Goffstown approve the new charter recommended by the charter commission? Copies of the proposed Charter can be found in its entirety at any municipal building or at the town's website: www.ci.goffstown.nh.us. The following chart summarizes the current form of government and the major changes in the proposed charter.

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED CHANGES</u>
GOVERNING BODY	5 Selectmen	7 Councilors
LEGISLATIVE BODY	Voters at Deliberative & Official Ballot Sessions pursuant to NH RSA 40:13	Voters at a budgetary town meeting; Voters on official ballot for budgets and zoning; Councilors for all other Issues.
ADMINISTRATION	Selectmen/Town Administrator	Town Manager
CEMETERY TRUSTEES	Elected	Appointed
ZBA	Appointed	Elected
BUDGET COMMITTEE	12 elected members	9 elected members
BOND PASSAGE	3/5 (60%) majority vote	2/3 (66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %) majority vote
DEFAULT BUDGET	set by Board of Selectmen	set by Budget Committee
PETITIONS	All Petitions (Appropriation, Zoning, other): 25 registered voters	Appropriation, Zoning Petitions: 25 registered voters Initiative Petitions: 50 registered voters Referendum Petitions: 500 registered voters Recall Petitions: 250 registered voters

Moderator recognized Karen McRae.

K. McRae – I was the chairman of the Charter Commission and I have to commend and thank all of the charter commission members.

Rosemary Garretson – Point of order, nobody moved this article to the floor.

K. McRae moved the article to the floor; it was seconded by F. Plett.

(F. Plett stepped down from his post as assistant moderator for this article).

J. Caprio – Let me put at least one rumor to rest – we are still a town form of government. And none of this affects the school district. (He narrated the Power Point presentation and explained each slide).

If the charter is passed, 90 days from passage there will be an election to elect the town councilors, the budget committee and the ZBA members. Cost? There will be no additional cost for the implementation of the charter. The current budget has sufficient funds in there.

Evelyn Miller – What's the procedure for hiring or firing the town manager if we go with the charter?

J. Caprio – There would be a contract between the town and the town manager. If the town manager didn't live up to the contract in performing the duties, the town council could take action to dismiss, under the provisions of the contract.

Pam Manney – You made a statement that the charter could be amended by the town council and the citizens. Would that be a vote at town meeting?

J. Caprio – It could be a petition.

F.Plett –. The charter can be amended to remove the essence of SB2. But it cannot be done by the council. They would put an article together, but it has to be done at a meeting. If you wanted something more complicated – say, you wanted to change the government – that would require a new charter commission.

E.Vermokowitz – I think we had a public meeting on this and I asked these same questions then. Why should we vote for this? I'm hearing what the changes would be.

J. Caprio – We feel this is an improvement in the efficiency of the town government. We would have a town manager who would run the town on a daily basis. There would be increased coordination with the individual department heads, and we would have centralized purchasing. And the Council would be able to focus on policy.

E. Vermokowitz – It was my understanding in November that without changing to a charter, we could have a town manager anyway. I still don't understand what would be improved in town operations that we cannot improve now.

R. Stark – In the summary of the changes here, it says proposed changes – it says 2/3 (66%) for bond passage – that should be 66 2/3%.

Dan Cloutier – I have a question - if the town council disagrees with something the manager is doing, what would it take for the council to do something about it?

J. Caprio – It would take five councilors out of seven.

D. Cloutier – I understand there's also a provision for recall. Were there any recommendations made by the Secretary of State on the recall petition?

J. Caprio – He said there might be a question of constitutionality. In the charter if there's an instance where the charter is in conflict with state law, that portion is invalid but the rest of the charter is still in effect.

F. Plett – We had this reviewed by our town counsel, and he said the charter as written, is in conformance with state law.

Rosemary Garretson – If the charter passes, what happens to what allows the selectmen to do certain things? Do they automatically revert to the Town Council? (Answer was yes).

R. Wheeler – Tonight the members of the Charter Commission presented their information. The commission met extensively last year and completed their assignment in a timely fashion. This article goes before the voters because this is a non-appropriation article. However, the board of selectmen voted 4 – 1 in opposition to this article. We believe that the citizens of Goffstown are better served by the existing selectman form of government than by that contained in the proposed charter. I would like you to take a look at the statement that the legislative body is the voters at the deliberative and official ballot sessions, pursuant to RSA 40:13. Changes include voters at budgetary town meeting - at this kind of a meeting. You vote on the official ballot on budgets and zoning. Have you thought of all the other rights that you possess that will no longer be yours? They revert to the council.

I liked the old town meeting, where every citizen had the right to petition, and that petition could not be altered at the town meeting or the selectmen's meeting. I think that's the old traditional, very democratic, form of government. Every time we progress, we lose more and more of our rights. We have had managers here before. It didn't work very well, but what seems unclear to me is how anyone could say, we are taking all this responsibility and giving it to a manager, and it won't cost you a thing. I don't know of many places where people get assigned more responsible tasks and increased compensation isn't a part of that conversation. If you delude yourself that's how it goes, I think it's inappropriate.

I firmly believe that there are a variety of cost increases that go along with this formula. The question is, why are we doing this? When that question was posed, the answer I heard was, when we asked the town lawyer what we could do, the lawyer said if you have a charter, you have to have a manager/council form of government. That's absolutely right. But it didn't answer the question. The question is, what does it mean to you to change? And each of you will have to answer that for yourself, to determine how you vote on this.

P. Georgantas – I'm a member of the charter commission. I would like to point out that the commission sent letters out, one to the selectmen asking for their input. Barbara Griffin said she didn't feel they should be involved in it. Bob Wheeler stated that he agreed with her and that it's not up to the selectmen to sway it one way or another. But here we are. I find this hypocritical, when you're asked for help and come out and go against it. There are five people who could lose their jobs if this charter passes. There are 90 million people in the US living under a charter form of government. You people will have more rights. You can voice your opinion, come up with petitions, change things as you go along. This was done with a lot of meetings, a lot of work and research. This council form of government began in 1908. And it works.

Scott Gross – Peter, I agree with you. The school board operates in a similar fashion. We set policy – our superintendent of schools is our town manager. We have a school board meeting and we talk about things. Ordinarily the superintendent of schools makes a decision. If you think it's efficient when the school board talks about something - it usually takes an hour or more. These things can be done on a day-by-day basis. If the school board or the selectmen had to wait, a whole week or two could go by. It works very well on the school board side. The superintendent is really the CEO of the district.

Calvin Pratt – Under administration and petition, it said costs would be high and it said the town manager would be under contract. Are those figures in the town budget?

J. Caprio – Our costs are not included in the 2005 budget because of adjustments that were made in the charter. Payment for a town manager over and above the current salary would have to be taken from another line.

C. Pratt – It looks like all petitions are grouped together and become more complex for certain petitions. That would include extra costs for the clerk.

J. Caprio – I'm talking about going from the present form of government and electing three bodies. Any additional costs would have to be transferred from one line to another in the budget.

F. Plett –If the charter passes, within 90 days there will be a special election. The selectmen will stay in office until then. There will be a special election for the elected zoning board – same with the budget committee. The current ones are dissolved.

Tricia Wynne – Do I understand that the town manager would be contracted for one year at a time, or is that negotiable?

F. Plett – The contract is a matter for discussion between the council and the town manager. The guideline is RSA 37. The council has the complete power to hire and fire the town manager for almost any reason.

T. Wynne – If we did adopt this and down the road changed our minds, we can re-elect another charter commission and do this all over again, right?

F. Plett – You can just have a vote to remove the charter entirely – to reverse the decision. Or if there's a part that you don't like, you can amend it. But if you wanted to change the form of government, you would have to have another charter commission.

B. Griffin – I felt it was inappropriate for the selectmen to be involved in this process. Not all of the board members attended the public hearing that was held on this. Accordingly, I felt it was inappropriate to take part in it, and I think it would be inappropriate for me to do so tonight.

E. Vermokowitz – Could you tell us what the vote was in regard to this proposal?

F. Plett – There were six in favor and three against.

E. Vermokowitz – Bob, when you spoke you said we would be losing some rights. Could you elaborate?

R. Wheeler – I think when you look at the requirements of a petition, we have gone from a time when a citizen could put a petition before the school meeting or town meeting. The task was to write the article and get 25 people to support it. Your rights under the charter are to vote on the budget or zoning changes, or submit the petitions that John told you about. Most significant was it takes 500 signatures. That's a lot.

I think there's a huge problem in the type of transition that this plan calls for. They say it's no extra cost. I disagree. There are so many things that have to happen and people would be making those decisions without any history and without a learning curve to help them. It isn't that it can't work; it certainly has worked. In Goffstown we tried it and it didn't. What would move us to take that kind of a risk? What would we gain?

JoAnn Duffy – I have a comment on what Mr. Wheeler said. We've tried twice before. It's slightly different than what we're suggesting. At that time there was a board of selectmen and a town manager, so there was a power struggle.

S. Monier – I'm a longtime resident of the town and for many years I served as police chief. I'm one of the original five petitioners – the others were Mike Ryan, Bryan McLaughlin, Mike Massey and Bill Gleeson. We went to the board of selectmen and said we think it's time for a charter commission. It was our

belief that after many significant changes in the community in terms of population and traffic, it was time to take a look to see if a change was needed. Much like, it's time periodically to update our master plan. The only way for that to be accomplished under state law was with a charter commission. That question was submitted to you last year and you decided we should have a charter commission.

Unfortunately, we five now find ourselves against what's being presented tonight, and we hope that you will vote no on this charter. I attended the first and last public hearings that the charter commission had. I remember very clearly at the first public hearing that Fred Plett asked a very simple question – what is it we have to fix, because I don't think we need to change anything. That's the question we're still asking. If you read every one of the minutes of the charter commission meetings, you won't get the answer. Also, there are a lot of changes that aren't explained. Why would the budget committee set the default budget when the selectmen or the town council administer the budget? The final reason those of us who petitioned originally for a town charter are against this; we decided this inalterably changes the community. This sounds like Hooksett or Bedford – portions of both of their charters were extracted. I like Hooksett and I like Bedford, but we are not Hooksett or Bedford.

B. Griffin – I move to change the number 66 to $66 \frac{2}{3}$ – Sel. Wheeler seconded the motion. Amendment was voted on and passed.

(Article 22 will appear on the ballot as amended).

Article 23 – To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing agreement under Section 218 of the Social Security Act by excluding the services performed by election workers for a calendar year in which the remuneration paid for such service is less than \$1,200. The \$1,200 limit on the excludable amount of remuneration paid in a calendar year for the services specified in this modification will be subject to adjustment for calendar years after 2002, to reflect changes in wages in the economy without any further modification of the agreement, with respect to such services performed during such calendar years, in accordance with Section 218© (8) (B) of the Social Security Act.

Presented by the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman McRae moved the article to the floor; motion was seconded by Sel. B. Hunter.

G. McRae – The town adopted Section 218 in 1955. It excluded services by election workers in which remuneration is under \$50 per quarter. The law has changed and now the town can vote to exclude up to \$1,200 per calendar year. If

this passes, both the employer and the election workers will be exempt from Social Security contributions for remuneration less than \$1,200 per calendar year. (Article 23 will appear on the ballot as printed).

Article 24 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the board of selectmen to transfer ownership of approximately 20 acres of Map 5, Lot 14 to the Goffstown School District for the purpose of building a school on such terms and conditions as the selectmen deem appropriate, and to authorize the selectmen to execute any and all documents to implement this conveyance. *Presented by the Board of Selectmen.*

Sel. D'Avanza moved the article to the floor, and the motion was seconded by R. Wheeler.

P. D'Avanza – In 1977, town meeting authorized the selectmen to purchase map 5, lots 14 and 15 from the state with HUD funds. The only restriction is whatever is stated on the deed. The deed says the land must be used for a public purpose or it reverts back to the state. We have a copy of a letter saying that a school meets the public purpose requirement, so the selectmen are asking voters to allow us to transfer this land to build a school.

Collis Adams – My issues tonight represent my personal views as a resident, voter and taxpayer. I'm a direct abutter to lot 14. However, it's equally important what this article is proposing to do – it will create a new lot. So I will not be a direct abutter to any school construction. I'm an ardent supporter of kindergarten in Goffstown – I've supported it all along. I want to speak to process issues. Years ago, the town of Goffstown adopted to authorize the selectmen to conduct land transactions, under RSA 41:14-A, and they've applied the provisions in that statute as board policy and practice. It says, the selectmen shall submit to the planning board and conservation commission all proposed land transactions for their review and recommendation. It also says that they shall hold two public hearings prior to any land transaction. I have been involved with the conservation commission and the planning board for over ten years and I've seen many requests from the selectmen relative to land transactions. I can't once remember seeing the selectmen doing differently than what's prescribed by law.

P. D'Avanza – You're absolutely right, if the selectmen transfer the land. But the selectmen are asking the voters to transfer. This was bought back in 1977, the whole town voted on it. What we're doing here is the same process. The voters are giving the selectmen the power to do the transfer.

C. Adams – Why in this instance is the process not being followed?

R. Wheeler – I think Selectman D'Avanza was headed in that direction. This was a very public process. The school board asked the town to give them a list of properties that we owned to see if there was a place for the kindergarten. They looked at the list and indicated an interest in this property.

It's the people of Goffstown who voted in favor of the HUD grant and purchase of the property. It was the sense of the selectmen that it should be the people who should decide they want to change the use. We shall submit and have public hearings. If we adopted that approach, it doesn't mean there's no other approach. I don't think that the board of selectmen is guilty of violating the rule – they have chosen to use an alternative, and I suggest that this is a more public process.

C. Adams – But I don't see in the statute where it allows the selectmen to use another process. This article will require a subdivision of land. RSA 674:54 speaks to uses of property. Basically it says you don't need to go through the planning board process. We have to subdivide lot 14. How does the board of selectmen intend to handle the subdivision? Will you go before the planning board for review of the subdivision?

R. Wheeler – We haven't gotten to that point yet. If the community votes to go forward with it, chances are that we will go through the planning board process.

C. Adams – There's a time line associated with this in order to receive the state funds. There was a memo last year from the selectmen to Superintendent Lockwood, containing seven town-owned parcels. One of them was lot 14 – the Glen Lake property. At the end of the memo it says, it appears to us that these properties are not credible school locations due either to their locations, their accessibility, etc.

Parcel 24 was also one of those parcels - the transfer station. There is an appendage to that lot that the town used recently to remove the gravel for the landfill closure. The gravel has been played out and that parcel no longer serves that function for the town. I would submit to you that parcel is a good location. My question is, what is it about that location that the board renders it not credible as a school location?

R. Wheeler – I think you're giving the board too much credit. I think you need to ask the school board.

C. Adams – I raised those questions at the school meeting and they told me to ask them at the town deliberative session.

R. Wheeler – I have to tell you, the question was asked and answered here. This board of selectmen has never sited a school. You need to ask that of the school board.

Scott Gross, Goffstown School Board – I would like to give you some history, the school has been looking for 4 or 5 years for land. We have 2.2 million dollars at stake and at the last minute, to talk about changing a site, I find inappropriate. The vote is less than a month away. We feel that this Glen Lake site is a good location for both terrain and topography, as well as for traffic flow. We had the DPW do test pits on the property and there are some wetlands crossings that will have to be dealt with. We are too late in the game to be changing sites.

E. Miller – I was really upset when Scott called me earlier this week. The first thing I heard about this was in the newspaper. I was in shock because for 20 years, we have been talking about this as conservation land. So then the conservation commission met and said, “Did anybody approach us?” We’re asked by the planning board to look at all sites that are going to be developed, so I think if anybody knows land, it’s the conservation commission, and we work hand in hand with the planning board. We were never approached by the school board. Scott called me and I told him exactly what went on at our meeting, and he said that he did come to the selectmen three years ago and looked at this property and also that they had looked at it.

(At this point, someone called for a point of order).

E. Miller – Other people have talked for a long time – I think I should be allowed to speak. (Moderator said she could speak)

Basically we want the best thing for the town and for the school. The best piece of land, we feel, is the one where the old gravel pit was. The piece of property you have suggested has three acres of wetlands within the 20 acres.

R. Stark – I have been handed a ‘point of order’ by Mr. Cloutier – he doesn’t feel this relates to the subject matter of the article. But I think it does.

C. Adams – I went to look at the Glen Lake Parcel. There are significant slopes; it will require impacting 3 acres of wetlands. If time is of the essence, it will trigger review and approval by both the state and federal Corps of Engineers and the EPA. That will take up to six months. This property requires significant amounts of work just for prepping, and site costs can run to hundreds of thousands of dollars. They could save those fees by using the land near the transfer station. I think we should look at these options and I have prepared an amendment.

Lissa Wisrow – We have already lost 200 children who are not receiving a basic kindergarten education. The longer we take, we risk losing the money and the children are losing public education. And if kindergarten is mandated by the state in 2007, it will cost us a lot of money.

Jeff Tate - First, the discussion about the subdivision. If it's on the transfer station land, we will have to go through the same process with the planning board. There was a discussion about three acres of wetlands - the preliminary site review shows much less than that. There are issues with every site in this town.

R. Stark – Mr. Adams' amendment reads, "To see if the town will vote to authorize the board of selectmen to establish a commission to investigate the opportunities for transferring ownership of town-owned land to the Goffstown School District for the purpose of building a school. Said commission to make findings and recommendations, including appropriate terms and conditions relative to any transfer, and to present these findings and recommendations to the selectmen for their consideration and action in accordance with the provisions of RSA 41:14-a. And to further authorize the selectmen to execute any and all documents to implement any conveyance."

Adams moved the amendment to the floor. Motion was seconded.

E.Vermokowitz –Is this amendment acceptable? The people of the town have not been warned about this discussion. If you accept this as an amendment, I would suggest that the Glen Lake site has a great deal more background, research, study of the land, etc. than the gravel pit had. If this is considered as an amendment, I encourage everybody to vote it down.

R. Stark – I have decided to accept the amendment. In my opinion, it does deal with the subject matter of the noticed article, and that is the standard to which I was held in 1997 when the issue came up about Grasmere Town Hall. The differences are in process and procedure, but in fact, the subject matter of the original petition is a site for a school in the town of Goffstown on town-owned land. And that's what this is. I have a previous question motion here and it has been seconded – we will have a vote on the previous question.

Previous question passed.

C. Adams – Point of order – I have a petition asking that this be done by secret written ballot.

(F. Plett checked with the checklist supervisors to make sure the signatures were those of registered voters. They were). Supervisors set up the procedure for voting and people voted on the amendment.

The meeting started up again at 10:07 p.m.

R. Stark – The results of the voting on the amendment are yes, 60 – no, 85. The amendment is defeated. Now, back to the main article.

David Neiman – I'm offering an amendment – to change the lot number from 14 to 24. Amendment was moved to the floor and seconded.

D. Neiman - It's to change it to the landfill lot. We have three schools we can't add on to because of where they were sited. Why can't we develop a site that's appropriate – where the school can grow? We're going to need it in the future.

P. Kendall – I'm on the kindergarten building committee. The site we're looking at on Glen Lake can expand to other schools. An additional building can fit on that site. Are you sure the lot they're looking at is lot 24, the sand pit lot?

J. Tate – There have been no wetlands delineated on the transfer station site. There are wetlands on every site in this town. Permitting issues and wetlands issues. Nobody has done any studies on the gravel pit.

C. Adams – I have a tax map so I can confirm that this lot is the one that contains the gravel pit. And there are no wetlands on the gravel pit site. I've walked it.

R. Wheeler – Point of order – I think the single action that really prompted this whole discussion was a request from the school board for a piece of property owned by the town. But we are not on the school board. Why are we having this discussion?

R. Stark – I think the problem we're discussing Bob, is one that's more of a political nature. The school and town have their own ballots. This is what's in front of the town. I think the amendment has been properly offered, and we will discuss it and vote on it.

C. Adams – I can confirm that the gravel pit is part of lot 24 – and it does allow for future expansion. We are not just talking about a kindergarten on the Glen Lake site – a kindergarten and an elementary school. In ten years we will be back here looking for land and then we will have to buy it.

Mike Ryan – I have a procedural question. Isn't there something that they voted on the other night to accept the Glen Lake land? I want to make sure that if this amendment passes, it actually goes along with the article the school passed.

R. Stark (Quoted Article 5 of the School District Warrant.) - Does the town plan on selling the gravel pit anytime in the near future so it won't be available in the future if a new site is needed?

R. Wheeler – That issue has never come before the board of selectmen.

P. D'Avanza – I understand the moderator's feeling that the amendment deals with land. My comment is, it deals with a specific site and what was

warned for this meeting stated a specific lot, so the abutters would know that this parcel to be transferred was discussed. But this amendment would put a different piece of land on the ballot, and those abutters were not warned.

R. Stark – I think that's a valid point – the amendment is not accepted.

K. McRae – I'm making a challenge to the chair on the amendment.

R. Stark – Do you want me to reconsider it? I'm not accepting the amendment. There's not a procedure that I'm aware of where you can vote on an amendment that has been ruled out of order.

K. McRae – I have challenged the rule of the moderator.

R. Stark – What do you want me to do?

K. McRae – I think we should have a vote by the members of this body.

R. Stark – Okay. We have a challenge on the floor now on my ruling that this amendment is out. The idea of a town warrant is to warn the citizens about the matters they will be addressing. Now we're voting on whether or not my ruling will be upheld.

C. Adams – I think the record will show you've already accepted the amendment.

R. Stark – I overrule myself. Everybody who agrees with my refusal of this amendment, vote aye. Motion passed. The question was moved, seconded and passed. (Article 24 will appear on the ballot as printed).

Article 25 – To see if the town will vote to require the board of selectmen to obtain voter approval before granting any easement, license or other encumbrance on town owned property. *Submitted by petition.*

Nick Campasano moved the article to the floor and it was seconded.

N. Campasano – Goffstown has experienced an unprecedented amount of growth. Lately there has been pressure on the town to use town-owned property. In our opinion, the selectmen have not listened to the will of the people or the taxpayers. For those individuals who have the voter guide, there's a technical flaw in article 25. We want to amend it- to see if the town will vote to rescind its authority. We're asking to take that power to transfer those lots, etc., so the voters will have that power.

Gerry Sterling – For 25 years we have given the selectmen this responsibility. If they can't handle this, we should vote them out and replace them with another bunch. But they can handle this and they've handled it well for 25 years.

E. Vermokowitz – It seems to me this is just another way to get around the previous article. Let's defeat this and move on

N. Campasano – This article has nothing to do with the school issue. This power was only granted to the selectmen in 1994. Prior to that, the townspeople had that power and we're asking that it be returned to the voters.

The amendment reads, "To see if the Town will vote to rescind its prior adoption of RSA 41:14-a; returning the authority to acquire and sell land, buildings, or both to the Town Meeting, and denying that authority to the selectmen."

I move it to the floor – motion was seconded.

G. McRae – I would like Mr. Campasano to list the recent easements the selectmen have granted. It does happen from time to time, but I'm not aware that the selectmen have been very busy transferring things. The prior article gave the selectmen permission to go forward, but they will still have to follow the statute to transfer the land to the school. So a vote for this amendment might derail the prior article.

The previous question was called, seconded and passed. Vote on the amendment was taken.

C. Adams – I would like to move for a standing vote – I don't know how you could decide from that voice vote. Motion was seconded.

Counters were called to count the voters as they stood to vote on the amendment. The vote count was ayes, 45; nays 54. The amendment was defeated.

(Article 25 will appear on the ballot as printed).

Article 26 – To see if the town will vote to deposit 50% of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) in a conservation fund, established under RSA 36-A:5, in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II, said funds to be used for conservation land and easement acquisition and costs associated therewith. Submitted by petition.

Jason Sachs moved the article to the floor; motion was seconded.

J. Sachs – RSA 79-A deals with the assessment of land– current use, etc. To summarize what it's about, if you have more than 10 acres of undeveloped land, instead of being assessed at a rate of about 4 or 5 thousand dollars, it's assessed at a rate the state sets. People get a reduced tax rate that's consistent with the low services this land imposes upon a community. The stickler is, if you turn around later and take land out of current use, you have to pay 10% of the assessed value of the land at the time that it's developed. This article seeks to take 10% of that money as many towns do, and give it to the conservation fund. If you'll look at other towns in this state, in five counties, 93 of 119 towns devote some portion to conservation funds. Goffstown does not, and we believe it's time for that to happen. We have the \$80,000 article, but I hope that this year the selectmen, the planning board and the budget committee try to work this out. We

will continue to bring this before the voters until it's passed. Taxpayers feel this is coming from their pockets, but it isn't. It's from developers who are using the land.

J. Caprio – You'll notice on this article that there isn't any recommendation from the budget committee. We had two concerns – first, it takes money from the revenue stream, and second, expending money from the fund would be the purview of the conservation commission. So the budget committee didn't support this article.

R. Wheeler – Jason did a very good job of explaining how the current use tax is abated and repaid. This is an abatement process of property tax, and when somebody gets an abatement, we have less revenue, and it's made up by the rest of us. The other school of thought is, it's the taxpayers who front the money to allow a difference and to hopefully slow development, but if somebody doesn't continue with that agreement, then there's an assessment for not keeping it natural. That money, up to this moment in time, has become revenue to replace what the taxpayers have paid. The use of that money is not inappropriate the way Jason suggested, but it isn't in concert with what we have already done. There was a discussion and a compromise, and there was an agreement to go forward with the \$80,000 that would be set aside for conservation.

J. Sachs – I have been here many times about the conservation commission being the authority to authorize expenditures. That's correct. But RSA 36-A:IV says (quoted from the RSA). So you can interpret it the way you want, but in order to buy land, the board of selectmen needs to be involved. The other argument I've heard is current use. The whole point of current use is to assess such land on the services it requires. Another argument, I've looked at some of the recent valuations in town. If you have back land, even in current use, it's 4 to 5 thousand dollars if it's good land. It becomes even more than that if it's a house lot. So at today's tax rate, they would be providing \$2,000 a year if it wasn't in current use. That's \$60,000 to \$80,000 in assessed value. Ten percent of that gets paid to the town. Under Option A, the town gets \$200; under Option B the town would get \$5,000 to \$6,000.

(Article 26 will appear on the ballot as printed).

Article 27 – To see if the Town will vote to reaffirm the practice of, and to maintain, the current Fire Based Emergency Medical Service (ambulance) for the Town of Goffstown. *Submitted by petition.*

Mark Lemay moved the article to the floor, and motion was seconded.

M.Lemay – What we're trying to accomplish here is, we now have EMS based out of the fire department. We just want to reaffirm that the system currently in place, we would like to continue to be used as time goes on.

P. Georgantas – This is a fire-based EMS. What happened to GEMSA?

M.Lemay – It was completely dissolved a few years ago. It was reformed into another group.

Don Durkee – GEMSA was dissolved and the ambulances, etc., were turned over to the fire department and the town. Now funding goes to the Fire Rescue Service.

P. Georgantas – This is for Selectman Hunter – he volunteered to do a study on how we could privatize the ambulance service.

B. Griffin – I'll address that. The board undertook that study. The board recognized that the long-range fire group recommended 24/7. A high percentage of the driving force of the increasing number of calls for service was for EMS service and the board has undertaken looking at privatizing the EMS. GEMSA for many years provided for our ambulances, and those services operated at no cost to the town. Over the course of time, it was difficult for the individuals who volunteered their time and cost of equipment, which caused the board to change it so that the EMS services are now billed for, and GEMSA, as it was originally created, is now the fire and rescue volunteer group. I think we have a public hearing coming up on some equipment they're buying. The board is aware that there needs to be a full discussion of "24/7" coverage.

P. Georgantas – Does this bind the selectmen to continue the EMS services?

B. Griffin – We had some discussion as to exactly what this meant, but it's a difficult job to draft a petitioned warrant article. We are committed to reviewing that in the upcoming year.

P. Georgantas – Is this intended to bind the selectmen if they wanted to go to privatization?

M.Lemay – I don't think so. We just wanted some reaffirmation that we can stay with what we have.

Richard Fletcher – I guess I'm confused. I understood the ambulance service was taken over by the town. That we pay the people now who serve, and the people who transport; and we bill the people we transport and take care of to pay the costs.

M.Lemay – Basically we heard the same thing Barbara just said. We said, what would happen if you didn't have a job tomorrow because they privatized the system?

R. Fletcher – You said that another entity has taken it over instead of GEMSA. What is the name of that entity?

M.Lemay – It's the Town of Goffstown Fire and Rescue.

Dennis Pinard – The EMS is well qualified, and they're doing a great job of it. To take their jobs away and give them to someone else isn't right. Chief Fletcher, I believe you're retired from the system and we'd appreciate your support.

R. Fletcher – How much money are you taking in and giving to the town for ambulance service?

R. Wheeler – There's a lot of miscommunication here. We have an excellent system. It takes in more money than we expend. The reality is, the reason this comes up for discussion is because of 24/7. The board of selectmen is not unhappy with the system we have now. You guys want to change it. If you take a look at the number of calls at the fire department, do we have more calls for fires or for EMS? There's no reason to privatize it unless somebody comes up with a formula that will cost three or four hundred thousand dollars in a different direction. There's a huge level of miscommunication on the subject, not only here, but in the following articles. I hate to see people who should be friends disturbed by this. This is for free. You're anxious because the board considered privatization. Privatization has to be considered because you're making it more costly. I think we have a pretty good system now.

Mark Germana – When GEMSA was disbanded, it was because the town was starting to charge people for the ambulance. In the past, GEMSA would send anybody who took a ride a nice letter, saying we hoped they would send in a donation. GEMSA collected a lot of money that way. That money now goes into a fund. I believe it's \$202,000 that the fund collected this year. We're self-sufficient with the ambulance and the guys would like to keep it that way.

(Article 27 will appear on the ballot as printed).

Article 28 – To see if the town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to prepare and present a plan that proposes 24-hour Fire and EMS staffing of at least one (1) fire station, seven (7) days per week. This plan shall include the use of a system that utilizes full-time and call force employees working a regular work schedule, not to exceed 45 hours per week. The proposed plan shall be all-inclusive and be presented as part of the town's 2006 budget process. The proposal shall have an effective date of July 1, 2006 as the start date of this staffing system. *Submitted by petition*

M.Lemay moved the article to the floor and the motion was seconded.

M.Lemay – Article 28 is following up a survey on the system that was done in 2003, when there was a committee to gather information about the fire department in the future. Mr. Wheeler sat on the committee. It was brought to you guys to be acted upon. All we're asking for is to work to make it safer and better for the people of Goffstown.

Ed Hunter – Back as I retired, I saw a need that the department should be reviewed as a whole for a number of reasons. Two selectmen sat on that board, two members of the general public, the current fire chief and two representatives from the fire department; one from the full-time and one from the call force. We came up with a number of suggestions for the next incoming chief. However, we did see a need as a group, and we voted that this would be the report that we would bring forward in 2003 – that by 2007 we would be having somebody available 24/7 and out the door.

D.Durkee – With the moderator's permission, I would like to make a general statement on this and the following article. Around town we have a great trash collection system and a great recycling system. It's state of the art. We have brand new dump trucks. For some reason when people in town think of emergency services, it seems they say, the trucks get there when they do – and the ambulances get there. I'm going to be blunt – if the garbage truck breaks down it isn't a big deal. The trash gets picked up tomorrow. If the ambulance doesn't make it out the door, the man with a heart attack or child hit by a car – there's a good possibility they're going to die.

P. Georgantas – On Article 28 – this is mandating 24/7. It doesn't give the selectmen a chance to look at it. If I understand this right, this is deeming that the town, itself go to 24/7.

M.Lemay – That's absolutely correct.

T. Wynne – If the selectmen prepare a plan, will it come before the voters again as a final plan?

R. Stark – The article says it will.

T. Wynne – Will it still be a separate warrant article at the town meeting?

B. Griffin – I hope you understand that the board of selectmen is aware of the proposal for 24/7. As has been pointed out, this article is fairly restrictive as to what needs to come forward next March. I think from past experience such a proposal would be a special separate article next year.

D. Cloutier – As I read the article, I'm a little amazed that we're subverting the process. I would like to see the process go forward as it normally would. I have an amendment that changes the language from 24 hours to 12 hours.

Mark Hurley – We're already working a 12-hour day. The chief has already put in a proposal. The reason these people are trying to fix it is because nothing is being done. We have staff 12 hours a day – it's the other 12 hours a day we're thinking about.

R. Stark – I have an amendment – the only thing it changes is in the second line, 24 to 12.

D. Cloutier – It substantially makes it moot.

Moved the amendment to the floor – motion was seconded.

R. Wheeler – I don't believe that's the issue. I believe that what we have here is a difference in pace. When Mark talked about the study group, that group worked the previous summer. Hank Boyle spent a great deal of time on that committee and I think Ed Hunter expressed the review that committee did, very accurately. Ultimately the selectmen received a request for 24/7 from the fire department. It was a significant piece of work and it came at the very moment we had put together the budget. There was no way they could get it included and still get the budget done in time to be here tonight.

I think the problem here is communication. Obviously we have some problems, and we have people here who say, we want that study implemented and this is how we want it to come out. I think we have a lot of work to do, but we have to stop shoving people to one side. I'm not sure that changing 24 to 12 will make a big difference.

M. Lemay – Twelve hours will not be a change. We work six to six – that 12-hour hole is still a big hole to fill. We can spend eight million dollars to get the roads fixed and nobody bats an eye. We spend hours here talking about the land. Twenty-four hours is what we need to get it fixed and it will be a good progressive system. Everything in this town is good. We have the best trash trucks – the best roads – etc. Granted this may have had better timing – but let's try to work on this together and work something out.

D. Cloutier – Please understand my process. I know 12 hours is not a fix. The intent was to make the petition moot so it had no effect, so the regular process could work.

Vote on the amendment to change 24 to 12 – yes, loud; nays louder. The amendment is defeated.

T. Wynne – The way I see this article - you're asking the people of the town, do you want to have fire service 24/7? There's no cost involved yet. The townspeople say, if the selectmen come back with a plan, next year they'll put it on the ballot with a price tag. Then the people will vote on it. The people can say if they'll pay that, or not.

Paul Nault – I am in support of 24/7. If you folks have a scanner and listen to the apparatus responses – they're not getting out of the firehouses. Recently, on a nighttime call, Engine 6 of Pinardville was first on the scene. The engine from the Church Street station only had one person on it. This was for a structure fire here on Main Street, right around the corner. I think we need to consider 24/7.

The previous question was moved and seconded. Motion passed.
(Article 28 will appear on the ballot as printed).

Article 29 – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money not to exceed Seven Hundred Thousand (\$700,000) Dollars to replace two (2) pieces of Emergency Fire Apparatus in the year 2005, and further direct the Board of Selectmen to enter into a multi-year purchasing agreement not to exceed five (5) years to complete the purchase of these vehicles. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 16). *Submitted by petition. Not recommended by selectmen or budget committee.*

M.Lemay moved the article to the floor; motion was seconded.

M.Lemay – I'll start off by saying that communication was probably one of the things that was lacking in this article.

I move to amend Article 29 – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money not to exceed Three Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand dollars (\$385,000) to replace one (1) piece of emergency apparatus. Motion was seconded.

P. Georgantas – Is he stopping that amendment there? (Answer was yes).

M.Lemay – The reason I've taken one of the pieces out of the article is that we already have one vehicle in CIP if the budget passes. This would be for one piece of fire apparatus. There was a study done on the apparatus piece at Station 18. A reputable dealer said it was unfit for service. Our fleet is aging. We drive fire engines built in the 70s and 80s. When I get into an engine, I'm not sure if it will start or stop. The two front line pieces we have are being pushed to their limits. The newest piece we've bought for the town doesn't even have a Class A rating. I'm asking that the sum of \$385,000 be appropriated tonight to replace a diesel pumper - a piece on Church Street. We have inadequate water sources in town. If we buy this pumper diesel, we can bring 2,500 to 3,000 gallons of water to a fire, instead of only 400 gallons.

R. Wheeler – I would ask the moderator a question – Article 29 now reads how?

R. Stark – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money not to exceed Three Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand dollars (\$385,000) to replace one (1) piece of emergency apparatus.

R. Wheeler - Then Article 29 has changed significantly. I think the town needs to be complimented with what it has done with the fire department. This year the selectmen brought a couple of trucks that went through CIP to the budget committee. The budget committee said this is a lot of money. Let's see if we can repair one of the trucks and add one new one this year. Not an unreasonable request. But the reaction to this is, I want \$700,000 for two trucks on a lease/purchase agreement, and that's how it's going to be. That's what was there until we got this amendment tonight. I think we have to get over this hump and that all the people have to listen to each other and work this out on a community basis. I like the amendment more. I think it's more in line with CIP.

M.Lemay – As I said before, the engine in question wasn't worth spending any money on it. Mr. Earl Nash on Feb. 8 did a survey of the engine – I believe the selectmen have this with them. All we're asking for is two fire trucks. You didn't bat an eye when Carl asked to do the roads or for new trash trucks.

Tate – During the budget committee process, we didn't have this information. The decision was made, as Mr. Wheeler said, that it was a lot of money. The budget committee talked about putting in the second truck as a special article. I support your amendment.

The previous question was called and seconded – motion passed.

R. Stark re-read the amendment. The amendment was voted on and it passed. (Article 29 will appear on the ballot as amended).

P. Georgantas moved to adjourn the meeting – motion was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE BOYLE

Complete minutes submitted Feb. 15, 2005

Condensed version submitted Feb. 22, 2005

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Non-Partisan Town Election, March 8, 2005

GOFFSTOWN, NH 03045

ARTICLE 1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

<i>For 3 Years</i>	Vote for One
Vivian Blondeau	686
Philip A. D'Avanza	1153
Victoria U. Gailinas	361

SELECTMEN

<i>For 1 Year</i>	Vote for One
Richard Gamache	543
William E. Gordon	645
Gossett W. McRae	941

BUDGET COMMITTEE

<i>For 3 Years</i>	Vote for Four
Eric Geissenhainer	1331
Suzanne Tremblay	1658
John Hikel	46
Victoria Gailinas	31

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

<i>For 3 Years</i>	Vote for One
Linda Reynolds Naughton	1844

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

<i>For 3 Years</i>	Vote for Three
Henry C. Boyle	1440
Steve Brzozowski	1043
Susan Plante	1459
Calvin D. Pratt	979

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

<i>For 1 Year</i>	Vote for One
George Fullerton	1425
Arnold Wajenberg	436

PLANNING BOARD

<i>For 3 Years</i>	Vote for Two
Joseph M. Beauchemin	1601
Lowell Von Ruden	1396

SEWER COMMISSION

<i>For 3 Years</i>	Vote for One
Stephen R. Crean	1804

TOWN CLERK

<i>For 3 Years</i>	Vote for One
Donna Bergeron	1269
Karen Johnson	890

TOWN TREASURER

<i>For 3 Years</i>	Vote for One
Jean Mayberry	1876

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

<i>For 3 Years</i>	Vote for One
Earl S. Carrel	1837

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

<i>For 1 Year</i>	Vote for One
George A. Collins	1842

ARTICLE 2

Shall the town adopt Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending the Tables of Dimensional Regulations, combining the existing tables and including the regulation of multi-family housing by density and adding maximum allowed building footprints?

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES - 1571

NO - 609

☒ PASSED

ARTICLE 3

Shall the town adopt Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending various requirements by making editing changes to sections relating to condominiums, accessory structures locations, modifying sign sizes and requirements, specifying shared parking requirements, deleting light projection permitting, updating manufactured homes and manufactured home park requirements, editing flood hazard districts requirements in conformance with flood hazard insurance requirements, editing deadlines as requested by the ZBA, and editing wetland definition, board membership, and impact fees in accordance with state law?

Recommended by the Planning Board.

YES - 1599

NO - 587

☒ PASSED

ARTICLE 4

Shall the town adopt Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Sections 3.10, Table of Permitted Uses and Section 3.11, Table of Accessory Uses, and related provisions, combining uses and editing definitions for clarification?

Recommended by the Planning Board.

YES - 1631

NO - 557

☒ PASSED

ARTICLE 5

Shall the town adopt Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending the table of permitted uses so that industrial parks would no longer be a permitted use by Special Exception in the Agricultural (A) district?

Recommended by the Planning Board.

YES - 1660

NO - 588

☒ PASSED

ARTICLE 6

Shall the town adopt Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board, establishing a new Commercial Industrial Flex Zone (CIFZ) district and its regulations, in accordance with the Route 114/114A Corridor Management Plan?

Recommended by the Planning Board.

YES - 1527

NO - 673

☒ PASSED

ARTICLE 7

Shall the town adopt Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board, changing the zoning on various parcels to implement the Route 114/114A Corridor Management Plan by changing the zoning from Agricultural (A), Commercial (C) and Industrial (I) to the new Commercial Industrial Flex Zone (CIFZ) on properties between the Tatro Drive industrial area and Henry Bridge Road, on the following map/lots?

5/43	5/46	5/51A	6/33-1	6/42	26/1	26/5	5/56
5/44	5/47	5/52	6/40	6/43	26/2	26/7	5/56-3
5/44-1	5/49	5/53	6/41	6/44	26/2A	26/20	5/562P
5/45	5/51	5/54	6/41A	6/45	26/3	26/24	26/10
5/58	5/48	5/49	5/49-1	26/6	26/6-2	26/22	26/12
5/47	5/56-1	5/56-4	26/8-1	26/10A	26/13	26/23	26/21
5/49	5/56-2	5/56-5	26/9	26/11	26/13A	26/24	

Recommended by the Planning Board.

YES - 1439

NO - 766

☒ PASSED

ARTICLE 8

Shall the town adopt Amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board, changing the zoning from Industrial (I) to Agricultural (A), property fronts on Normand Road, on the following portion of a map/lot?

5/62M						
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Recommended by the Planning Board.

YES - 1660

NO - 560

☒ PASSED

ARTICLE 9

Shall the town adopt Amendment #8 as proposed by the Planning Board, changing the zoning from Commercial (C) to Village Commercial (VC) located within the Goffstown village center, on the following maps/lots?

34/85	34/148	34/155			
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Recommended by the Planning Board.

YES – 1,715

NO - 507

☒ PASSED

ARTICLE 10

Shall the town adopt Amendment #9 as proposed by the Planning Board, changing the zoning from Industrial (I) to Village Commercial (VC) on the south side of Depot Street, within the Goffstown village center, on the following map/lots?

34/71	34/72	34/73			
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Recommended by the Planning Board.

YES – 1,695

NO - 536

☒ PASSED

ARTICLE 11

Shall the town adopt Amendment #10 as proposed by the Planning Board, changing the zoning from Industrial (I) to Commercial Industrial Flex Zone (CIFZ) along Depot Street and the Piscataquog River in Goffstown’s village center, on the following map/lots?

34/75	34/76A	34/90	37/1	37/4	37/6
34/76	34/76B	34/94	37/3	37/5	37/7
34/95					

Recommended by the Planning Board.

YES - 1609

NO - 588

☒ PASSED

ARTICLE 12

Shall the town adopt Amendment #11 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown, to change the zoning on map 6, lot 47 (103 Center Street) from Residential-I (R-1) and Agricultural (A) to Agricultural (A)?

Submitted by petition.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

YES - 1612

NO - 580

☒ PASSED

ARTICLE 13

Shall the town adopt Amendment #12 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown, to change the zoning on map 5, lot 93 (92 Wallace Road) from Agricultural (A) to Residential-1 (R-1)?

Submitted by petition.

Not recommended by the Planning Board.

YES - 631

NO - 1611

☒ FAILED

ARTICLE 14

Shall the town adopt Amendment #13 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown, to change the existing appointed 5-member Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) to a 5-member elected board?

Submitted by petition.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

YES - 1874

NO - 405

☒ PASSED

ARTICLE 15

Shall the town adopt the Planning Board Article to designate Prime Wetlands, a local option under RSA 482-A:15, as delineated by Town of Goffstown Prime Wetlands Study and Mapping by Vanasse, Hangen, Brustlin, Inc., and dated December 2004, and as recommended by the Goffstown Conservation Commission?

Recommended by the Planning Board.

YES - 1730

NO - 503

☒ PASSED

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling sixteen million one hundred sixty one thousand five hundred fifty dollars (\$16,161,550)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be fifteen million three hundred fifteen thousand five hundred thirty dollars (\$15,315,530), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Goffstown or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

NOTE: This article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

YES - 1377

NO - 923

☒ PASSED

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Eight Hundred Sixty Five Thousand dollars (\$1,865,000) for the purpose of implementing the current phase of the road improvement plan? The road improvement plan has been part of the CIP process since 2002 and the annual appropriations for the plan have been approved as Special Articles since 2002. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 16.)

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

YES - 1715

NO - 605

☒ PASSED

ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) to be deposited into the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund which was established in 2003 pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the purpose of land acquisition, easements and/or land rights for conservation purposes? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 16.)

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

YES - 1533

NO - 776

☒ PASSED

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town raise and appropriate fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of funding the nonprofit Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc.? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 16.)

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

YES - 1463

NO - 867

☒ PASSED

ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of restoring the Grasmere Town Hall and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be deposited in this fund? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 16.)

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

YES - 1191

NO - 1124

☒ PASSED

ARTICLE 21

Shall the Town appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Grasmere Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund as provided by RSA 35:15?

Presented by the Board of Selectmen.

YES - 1125

NO - 1136

☒ FAILED

ARTICLE 22

Shall the Town of Goffstown approve the new charter recommended by the charter commission?

Copies of the proposed Charter can be found in its entirety at any municipal building or at the town's website: www.ci.goffstown.nh.us. The following chart summarizes the current form of government and the major changes in the proposed charter.

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED CHANGES</u>
GOVERNING BODY	5 Selectmen	7 Councilors
LEGISLATIVE BODY	Voters at Deliberative & Official Ballot Sessions pursuant to NH RSA 40:13	Voters at a budgetary town meeting; Voters on official ballot for budgets and zoning; Councilors for all other issues.
ADMINISTRATION	Selectmen/Town Administrator	Town Manager
CEMETERY TRUSTEES	Elected	Appointed
ZBA	Appointed	Elected
BUDGET COMMITTEE	12 elected members	9 elected members
BOND PASSAGE	3/5 (60%) majority vote	2/3 (66 ² / ₃ %) majority vote
DEFAULT BUDGET	set by Board of Selectmen	set by Budget Committee
PETITIONS	All Petitions (Appropriation, Zoning, other): 25 registered voters	Appropriation, Zoning Petitions: 25 registered voters Initiative Petitions: 50 registered voters Referendum Petitions: 500 registered voters Recall Petitions:

YES - 1062

NO - 1203

☒ FAILED

250 registered voters

ARTICLE 23

Shall the Town amend the existing agreement under Section 218 of the Social Security Act by excluding the services performed by election workers for a calendar year in which the remuneration paid for such service is less than \$1,200? The \$1,200 limit on the excludable amount of remuneration paid in a calendar year for the services specified in this modification will be subject to adjustment for calendar years after 2002 to reflect changes in wages in the economy without any further modification of the agreement, with respect to such services performed during such calendar years, in accordance with Section 218(c)(8)(B) of the Social Security Act.

Presented by the Board of Selectmen.

YES - 1369

NO - 762

☒ PASSED

ARTICLE 24

Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer ownership of approximately 20 acres of Map 5 Lot 14 to the Goffstown School District for the purpose of building a school on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate and to authorize the Selectmen to execute any and all documents to implement this conveyance?

Presented by the Board of Selectmen.

YES - 1683

NO - 657

☒ PASSED

ARTICLE 25

Shall the Town require the Board of Selectmen to obtain voter approval before granting any easement, license or other encumbrance on Town Owned property?

Submitted by Petition.

YES - 1358

NO - 866

☒ PASSED

ARTICLE 26

Shall the Town deposit 50% of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) in a conservation fund, established under RSA 36-A:5, in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II, said funds to be used for conservation land and easement acquisition and costs associated therewith?

Submitted by Petition.

YES - 1239

NO - 963

☒ PASSED

ARTICLE 27

Shall the Town reaffirm the practice of and to maintain the current Fire Based Emergency Medical Service (Ambulance) for the Town of Goffstown?

Submitted by Petition.

YES - 1991

NO - 291

☒ PASSED

ARTICLE 28

Shall the Town direct the Board of Selectmen to prepare and present a plan that proposes 24 hour Fire and EMS staffing of at least one (1) fire station seven (7) days per week? This plan shall include the use of a system that utilizes full-time and call force employees working a regular work schedule not to exceed 45 hours per week. The proposed plan shall be all-inclusive and be presented as part of the Towns 2006 Budget process. The proposal shall have an effective date of July 1, 2006 as the start date of this staffing system.

Submitted by Petition.

YES - 1506

NO - 761

☒ PASSED

ARTICLE 29

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of money not to exceed Three Hundred Eighty Five Thousand (\$385,000) Dollars to replace one (1) piece of Emergency Fire Apparatus? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 16.)

Submitted by Petition.

Not recommended by Selectmen or Budget Committee.

YES - 1002

NO - 1288

☒ FAILED

RESULTS OF ELECTIONS IN 2005

Election Name	Date	District 1	District 5	Total	% Voter Turnout	# New Registrants	Total # Registered Voters
School Ballot Determination Meeting	2/7/05	81 Registered voters attended			1%		11,216
Town Ballot Determination Meeting	2/9/05	167 Registered voters attended			1%		11,216
Town/School Election	3/8/05	1,857	591	2,448	22%	23	11,210

2005 MARRIAGES

DATE	GROOM'S NAME	GROOM'S RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	BRIDE'S RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE
JAN					
15	Asiaf, Peter R	Allenstown, NH	Moul, Pamela E	Goffstown, NH	Epsom
15	Smith, Paul G	Goffstown, NH	Lussier, Bethany J	Manchester, NH	Goffstown
22	Berube, Denis A	Manchester, NH	Demers, Maria C	Goffstown, NH	Deerfield
22	Charlton, Erik J	Goffstown, NH	Greenwalt, Melissa I	Goffstown, NH	Weare
FEB.					
12	Masse, Raymond E	Goffstown, NH	Cardona, Gail S	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
MAR.					
12	Lemay, Paul B	Goffstown, NH	Pimley, Kathleen M	Goffstown, NH	Londonderry
17	Mullen, James R	Goffstown, NH	Patnode, Cheryl A	Pembroke, NH	Manchester
19	Sands, Irving N	Goffstown, NH	Boles, Vina M	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
25	Ulcickas, Paul W	Goffstown, NH	Murphy, Leilani T	Manchester, NH	Manchester
26	Chase, Michael S	Goffstown, NH	Harman, Kerry A	Goffstown, NH	Sunapee
26	Dawson, Robert E	Manchester, NH	Thompson, Latricia A	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
APRIL					
6	Gjikoka, Kristaq	Goffstown, NH	Clark, Carolyn J	Goffstown, NH	Bedford
19	Greenfield, Jeffrey R	Goffstown, NH	Mclean, Heather F	Woodstock, NH	Manchester
23	Murdough, Dale A	New Boston, NH	Alley, Danielle	Goffstown, NH	Derry
24	Tremblay, Anthony H	Goffstown, NH	Tremblay, Paula E	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
27	Bernier, Richard R	Goffstown, NH	Mccallum, Keri	Goffstown, NH	Londonderry
29	Timmons, Scott m	Goffstown, NH	Vachon, Jessica A	Goffstown, NH	Windham
30	Stewart, Kenneth A	Goffstown, NH	Donovan, Lynne	Goffstown, NH	Windham
MAY					
5	Bedard, Richard H	Goffstown, NH	Stewart, Nancy A	Goffstown, NH	Bedford
11	Kemp, Peter J	Goffstown, NH	Ouellette, Melissa A	Goffstown, NH	Northfield
14	Doty, David W	Goffstown, NH	Murray, Deborah A	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
14	Macdonald, Daniel P	West Lebanon, NH	Osburn, Jill E	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
14	Lyford, Daniel R	Goffstown, NH	Klinefelter, Deborah J	Goffstown, NH	Alton
14	Proulx, Eric N	Goffstown, NH	Labranche, Tara I	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
22	Lavoie, Marc A		Dumais, Lynn M	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
28	Kulshreshtha, Parag	Goffstown, NH	Gingras, Casey J	Goffstown, NH	New Boston
28	Felt, William L	Goffstown, NH	Duke, Kerry L	Goffstown, NH	Hudson
28	Wilkinson, Jeff T	Goffstown, NH	Geary, Karen M	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
28	Fox, Kevin D	Goffstown, NH	Rieger, Margaret T	Goffstown, NH	Wolfeboro

DATE	GROOM'S NAME	GROOM'S RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	BRIDE'S RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE
JUNE					
4	Vaillancourt, Damian L	Goffstown, NH	Lavery, Jessica L	Manchester, NH	Manchester
4	Smith, Brian J	Goffstown, NH	McDaniel, Karen E	Dunbarton, NH	Goffstown
11	Verdonck, Scott R	Goffstown, NH	Lemieux, Susan L	Goffstown, NH	Meredith
11	Bugbee, Brian T	Goffstown, NH	Beaudoin, Melissa F	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
18	Coutu, Paul H	Goffstown, NH	Lacourse, Diane M	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
24	Hersey, Timothy J	Goffstown, NH	Petersen, Heather A	Goffstown, NH	Bedford
25	Gagnon, Lucien R	Manchester, NH	Trudeau, Gloria L	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
25	Hieronimus, Gerhard A	Goffstown, NH	Fahy, Janelle N	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
26	Houle, Dennis L	Goffstown, NH	Chicoine, Joanne L	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
26	Taylor, James R	Goffstown, NH	Dubois, Lisa A	Goffstown, NH	Derry
26	Dinan, Patrick M	Goffstown, NH	Carlson, Holly J	Goffstown, NH	Laconia
JULY					
9	Gamelin, Thomas R	Goffstown, NH	Bergeron, Helen D	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
9	Phelps, Ryan L	Louisville, CO	Kinder, Jennifer K	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
9	Gamache, Scott E	Goffstown, NH	Long, Holly M	Goffstown, NH	Hooksett
16	Gilbert, Gerard L	Goffstown, NH	Lacroix, Karen A	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
16	Piccolo, Christopher J	Goffstown, NH	Allard, Laura E	Goffstown, NH	Tamworth
22	Longstaff, Richard K	Goffstown, NH	Lemay, Donna J	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
23	Champagne, Sebastien N	Goffstown, NH	Austin, Amy M	Goffstown, NH	Derry
24	Slack, Sidney F	Goffstown, NH	Jordan, Racquel A	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
28	Milone, Thomas M	Lee, NH	Montour, Karen M	Goffstown, NH	Londonderry
30	Beaulac, Scott A	Goffstown, NH	Robinson, Kyna G	Goffstown, NH	Auburn
30	Monahan, Matthew J	Goffstown, NH	Rowe, Erin L	Bedford, NH	Bedford
30	Lawrence, Chad E	Concord, NH	Bechard, Sarah E	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
30	Frost, Tyler J	Goffstown, NH	Boucher, Melissa A	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
30	Sacco, Michael J	Wakefield, MA	Kierska, Joanna A	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
AUG.					
5	Girzone, Timothy E	Goffstown, NH	Burrall, Melissa C	Goffstown, NH	Windham
6	Young, Paul A	Goffstown, NH	Dimmock, Robin L	Goffstown, NH	Wolfeboro
6	Petrin, Michael G	Goffstown, NH	Kottos, Athena M	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
8	Macdonald, John J	Goffstown, NH	herod, Susan	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
11	Grooms, Harry E	Goffstown, NH	Lewis, Diane P	Goffstown, NH	Lebanon
13	Horstkotte, Frederick J	Goffstown, NH	Page, Kathleen M	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
13	Huddy, Scott L	Waltham, MA	Ball, Alison L	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown

DATE	GROOM'S NAME	GROOM'S RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	BRIDE'S RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE
20	Kenny, Stephen	Goffstown, NH	Birkbeck, Doreen J	Derry, NH	Pittsburg
SEPT.					
2	Ziegler, John H	Bedford, NH	Landry, Joanne M	Goffstown, NH	Windham
2	Soucy, David B	Goffstown, NH	Carignan, Mandy L	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
3	Matias, Richard D	Goffstown, NH	Wedgwood, Suzanne M	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
10	Lavoie, Eric G	Goffstown, NH	Ouellette, Allison A	Goffstown, NH	Portsmouth
10	McWilliams, Christopher	Goffstown, NH	Savoie, Elisabeth S	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
17	Lafayette, Michael E	Goffstown, NH	Bourassa, Jennifer J	Goffstown, NH	Litchfield
17	Bird, John D	Goffstown, NH	Moran, Heather M	Goffstown, NH	Bennington
19	McMillan, Bruce K	Goffstown, NH	Mccosh, Ariane M	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
24	Thorgerson, Peter M	Goffstown, NH	Sanford, Cathy L	Londonderry, NH	Londonderry
24	Bothwick, Michael S	Goffstown, NH	Powell, Joyce A	Goffstown, NH	Sandown
24	Perley, Stephen R	Goffstown, NH	Place, Tanath M	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
30	Deschuteneer, Guy R	Goffstown, NH	Dubois, Theresa R	Bedford, NH	Goffstown
OCT.					
1	Willmott, Jason V	Goffstown, NH	Shelpman, Kimberly D	Bedford, NH	Manchester
8	MacDonald, Michael B	Goffstown, NH	Dawson, Mary J	Goffstown, NH	Bretton Woods
14	Nenni, Lawrence	Goffstown, NH	Sawyer, Kimberly L	Manchester, NH	Hudson
15	Provencher, Kevin H	Goffstown, NH	Coculo, Renae T	Goffstown, NH	Windham
15	Bradish, Joseph P	Goffstown, NH	Kimball, Jennifer L	Goffstown, NH	Hampstead
22	Zaffini, Matthew V	Goffstown, NH	Merck, Michelle S	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
29	Boell, Joseph C	Goffstown, NH	Walker, Darlene M	Goffstown, NH	Hampton
31	Trinh, An D	Goffstown, NH	Gallant, Tallie R	Keene, NH	Manchester
31	Bouchard, Aaron P	Goffstown, NH	Rosario, Aesha L	Goffstown, NH	Concord
NOV.					
5	McNally, Matthew T	Goffstown, NH	Kaufman, Jacqueline M	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
6	Masiero, Travis J	Seabrook, NH	Switzer, Erika S	Goffstown, NH	Bedford
19	McAvoy, Paul J	Goffstown, NH	McMahon, Rosemary A	Manchester, NH	Goffstown
26	Grainger, Todd D	Goffstown, NH	Widrick, Tania J	Goffstown, NH	Nashua
DEC.					
3	Forcier, Leon D	Goffstown, NH	Lesmerises, Cheryl A	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
3	Ocana, Enrique	Goffstown, NH	Sasbon, Kristen M	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
13	Penerian, Jeremy M	Goffstown, NH	Simpson, Sara L	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
27	Warner, Michael L	Goffstown, NH	Velasquez, Josefina D	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
30	Stelman, Michael	Goffstown, NH	Heliotis, Ann M.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown

2005 BIRTHS

DATE	CHILD'S NAME	PARENT'S NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH
JAN.			
4	Bobar, Jacob Carter	Bobar, Bryan and Alina	Manchester, NH
4	Gagnon, Brianna Hope	Gagnon, Jason and Dawn	Nashua, NH
5	Webb, Joshua Nathaniel	Webb, Douglas and Lisa	Manchester, NH
9	Miller, Tori Jean	Miller, Jonathan and Danyeale	Manchester, NH
10	Meehan, Finn Jameson	Meehan, William and Kelly	Manchester, NH
14	Adrian, Keegan Craig	Adrian, Craig and Kristen Lacourse, Marc and	Concord, NH
18	Lacourse, Danielle Elizabeth	Fitzgerald-Lacourse, Gaetan	Manchester, NH
21	Leclair, Danny Arthur	Leclair, Danny and Christy	Manchester, NH
24	Mehlhorn, Paige Cassidy	Mehlhorn, Dean and Melora	Manchester, NH
25	Lewis, Braedon Patrick	Lewis, Kevin and Christine Medeiros, David and	Manchester, NH
27	Medeiros, Dylan Maguire	Passalaqua, Carolyn	Manchester, NH
28	Gaessler, John Austin	Gaessler, John and Amanda	Manchester, NH
FEB.			
6	Ryan, Meredith Ann	Ryan, Daniel and Tiffany	Manchester, NH
18	Dang, Sydney Diem	Dang, John and Myle	Manchester, NH
18	Boule, Keegan Real	Boule, Stephen and Lisa	Manchester, NH
MAR.			
2	Quirk, Aidan Robert	Quirk, Brian and Stacy	Manchester, NH
8	Dupuis, Byron Paul	Dupuis, Jeremy and Irina	Manchester, NH
11	Coutu, Maddison Marie	Coutu, Brad and Raymond, Rebecca	Manchester, NH
17	Saunders, Rylie Gabrielle	Saunders, Peter and Lisi Saunders, Kelly	Manchester, NH
18	Fitzpatrick, Casey Allison	Fitzpatrick, John and Tammy	Manchester, NH
28	Marique, Kerissa Lee	Marique, Scott and Sauve, April	Manchester, NH
28	Keegan, Jack Robert	Keegan, Tate and Heather	Manchester, NH
31	Metz, Samantha Anne	Metz, Henry and Karen	Manchester, NH
APRIL			
2	Klein, Payton Elizabeth	Klien, Jeffrey and Mary	Concord, NH
9	Hayes, Keith Christian	Hayes, Jeffrey and Walker, Amy	Manchester, NH
13	Veary, Hayden Connor	Veary, Casey and Tiffany	Manchester, NH
14	Pauer, Anna Beth	Pauer, Dennis and Regina	Manchester, NH
17	Santoro, Ethan Paul	Santoro, Michael and Sara	Manchester, NH
18	Jacques, Samantha April	Jacques, Daniel and Kathryn	Manchester, NH

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MAY			
4	Anderson, Jacob Richard	Anderson, Ryan and Tracy	Manchester, NH
20	Briscoe, Sarah Roberta	Briscoe, Michael and Josee	Manchester, NH
24	Barger, Brianna Lee	Barger, Michael and Tammy	Manchester, NH
25	Neff, Harrison Theodore	Neff, Theodore and Leslie	Manchester, NH
25	Fisher, Jayden Marie	Fisher, Erica	Manchester, NH
JUNE			
2	Gates, Liam Everett	Gates, Walter and Stacy	Manchester, NH
6	Labelle, Dylan Joseph	Labelle, Kevin and Wendy	Manchester, NH
8	Bograd, Brandon Martin	Bograd, Mark and Brook	Derry, NH
19	Nikias, Allie Jeanne	Nikias, Christopher and Irene	Manchester, NH
21	Nalen, William Anthony	Nalen, Scott and Brandi	Manchester, NH
25	Perkins, Sarah Bell	Perkins, William and Simone	Concord, NH
28	Labbe, Madelyne Marie	Labbe, Steve and Amy	Manchester, NH
JULY			
1	Stockton, Stuart John	Stockton, John and Laura	Manchester, NH
2	McGough, Bridget Elizabeth	McGough, Brian and Lisa	Manchester, NH
7	Sanders, Ava Rose	Sanders, Philip and Fatima	Derry, NH
14	Knuckles, Christian Scott	Knuckles, Marshall and Cari	Manchester, NH
15	Klardie, Jake Richard	Klardie, Derek and Coleen	Manchester, NH
22	Lesmerises, Anthony James	Lesmerises, James and Melanie	Manchester, NH
27	Zadavec, Cameron Rae	Zadavec, Stephen and Jennifer Cadorette, Andrew and	Manchester, NH
31	Cadorette, Anna Louise	Chaffee, Reta	Manchester, NH
AUG.			
1	Dubois, Kendall Elizabeth	Dubois, David and Liza	Manchester, NH
2	Curtis, Elijah David	Curtis, David and Kristie	Manchester, NH
9	Dexter, Abigail Elizabeth	Dexter, James and Barbara Philibotte, Chase and	Manchester, NH
11	Dusseault, Madison Elizabeth	Dusseault, Michelle	Manchester, NH
16	Dion, Maxine Mae	Dion, Brian and Danielle	Manchester, NH
19	Ducharme, Amanda Loren	Ducharme, Gary and Christine Paraskevas, Jonathan and Basoukas,	Lebanon, NH
21	Paraskevas, Chloe Aliece	Sarabeth	Manchester, NH
22	Driggers, Ashton Joseph	Driggers, Daniel and Marcotte Riannon	Manchester, NH
22	Wooding, Chase Stuart	Wooding, Michael and Michelle	Manchester, NH
23	Amirault, Keira Jade	Amirault, Mark and Louisa	Manchester, NH
29	Larson, Martha Mary	Larson, Thomas and Sherri	Goffstown, NH
31	Keller, Samuel Alexander	Keller, Jack and Amy	Manchester, NH

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SEPT.			
2	Gibney, Samuel Philip	Gibney, Timothy and Katherine	Goffstown, NH
6	Raymond, Domenic Zachary	Raymond, Albert and Kimberly Moore, Jonathan and Kapetanakis-Moore,	Manchester, NH
18	Moore, Samuel James	Virginia	Nashua, NH
21	Graybill, Lydia Maryse	Graybill, Jeffrey and Paula	Manchester, NH
26	Chisholm, Kaitlyn Lauren	Chisholm, Brian and Melissa	Nashua, NH
28	Chhom, Ella Grace Miriam	Chhom, Sar and Amy	Manchester, NH
OCT.			
4	Brown, Alexis Rose	Brown, Richard and Jennifer	Manchester, NH
6	Hibbard, Jessica Frances	Hibbard, Spencer and Melissa	Manchester, NH
6	Vougias, Alyssa Briana	Vougias, Vasilios and Christina	Manchester, NH
8	Poulin, Ian Ernest	Poulin, Steve and Tammy	Concord, NH
9	Sutton, Jack Parker	Sutton, Eric and Mandi Jo	Derry, NH
17	Hartnett, Brendan Gregory	Hartnett, Gregory and Angela	Manchester, NH
18	Levesque, Katherine Isabel	Levesque, James and Tammy	Manchester, NH
18	Tanner, Raven Alexis Grace	Tanner, William and Pamela	Manchester, NH
NOV.			
1	Chamberlin, Kona Baxter	Chamberlin, Richard and Becki	Concord, NH
7	Goodin, Korygan Tobiath	Goodin, Michael and Suzanne	Manchester, NH
8	Dary, Samantha Paige	Dery, Marc and Kim	Manchester, NH
18	Gallagher, Aidan Troy	Gallagher, Eric and Jean	Manchester, NH
DEC.			
5	Brisiel, Gracie Rose	Brisiel, Jonathan and Misty	Derry, NH
20	Jones, Ava Noelle	Jones, John and Stephanie	Manchester, NH
20	Essig, Brianna Catherine	Essig, Donald and Lisa	Nashua, NH
27	Murdough, Hannah Cecile	Murdough, Dale and Danielle	Manchester, NH
29	Reynolds, Avery Ray	Reynolds, Craig and Amy	Manchester, NH

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FEB. 2004				
8	*Chauvin, Raoul	Manchester, NH	Cauvin, Joseph	Lavigne, Rose
JAN.				
2	Swanson, Walter	Goffstown, NH	Swanson, Richard	Smedberg, Sinnea
3	Gamache, Arthur	Bedford, NH	Gamache, Apolinaire	Pettigrew, Rose
6	Drake, Leslie	Goffstown, NH	Drake, Howard	Huntoon, Mary
8	Kitts, Mary	Manchester, NH	Everett, John	Commander, Gracie
17	Days, Dorothy	Manchester, NH	Roponza, Manuel	Tavares, Maria
22	Folden, Mary	Manchester, NH	Macdonnell, Henry	Collin, Hannah
24	Burpee, Chandler	Manchester, NH	Burpee, Chandler	Bacon, Caroline
FEB.				
1	Dupuis, Doris	Manchester, NH	Clement, Alfred	Rivard, Amanda
7	Petraske, Helene	Goffstown, NH	Bevington, Frederick	Dodge, Nellie
8	Mandeville, Raymond	Manchester, NH	Mandeville, Eugene	Lefebvre, Bertha
9	Lemon, Violet	Goffstown, NH	Bourque, Phillippe	Beliveau, Clara
20	Hardy, Arthur	Goffstown, NH	Hardy, Wilfred	West, Ella
21	Driscoll, John	Goffstown, NH	Driscoll, Edward	O'Grady, Annie
24	Collins, Andrew	Manchester, NH	Collins, John	Unknown, Julia
24	Smith, Louis	Manchester, NH	Smith, Louis	Frye, Elizabeth
24	Grayshan, Eunice	Bedford, NH	Unknown, Unknown	Unknown, Unknown
25	Nault, Harold	Goffstown, NH	Nault, Philip	Sczurek, Stella
28	Parks, Hazel	Goffstown, NH	Unknown, Unknown	Unknown, Unknown
MAR.				
1	Pappas, Jennie	Merrimack, NH	Korahakes, Apostolos	Kakou, Pelayia
1	Hall, Cora	Goffstown, NH	Claveau, Pierre	Thibaudeau, Angelina
9	Gorman, Margaret	Manchester, NH	Duchette, Joseph	Gagnon, Cora
9	Rice, Christine	Manchester, NH	Blood, Harry	Jepson, Florence
11	Wheeler, Joellen	Manchester, NH	Ezyk, Joseph	Czuchra, Stella
14	Johonnett, Alice	Goffstown, NH	Blair, Joseph	Masson, Anna
16	Page, Georgette	Goffstown, NH	Lemay, Eugene	Lemay, Aldea
18	Crossman, Vicki	Manchester, NH	Allison, Robert	Nickerson, Rita
20	Chase, Constance	Goffstown, NH	Tewksbury, Charles	Stephenson, Henrietta
20	Minkler, Robert	Goffstown, NH	Minkler, Robert	Turner, Lulu
20	Welch, Dorothy	Goffstown, NH	Welch, James	Murray, Cora
22	Conger, Richard	Goffstown, NH	Conger, Charles	Lockwood, Helen

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23	Savage, Doris	Manchester, NH	Labrie, Unknown	Unknown, Unknown
23	Showerman, Katherine	Manchester, NH	Owens, William	Collett, Katherine
25	Devine, Maureen	Manchester, NH	Devine, John	Murphy, Helena
25	Hoyt, Verna	Goffstown, NH	Murray, John	Pinette, Ida
28	Krakie, Norman	Manchester, NH	Goldberg, Norman	Treglia, Joy
31	Vittorioso, Gladys	Goffstown, NH	Stetson, Edgar	Ackerely, Rena
31	Hardy, Rita	Manchester, NH	Verchot, Emile	Gillett, Augustine
APRIL				
1	Coleman, Margaret	Goffstown, NH	Haystead, William	Kemp, Maude
3	Whitmore, Margaret	Goffstown, NH	Lange, Charles	Unknown, Unknown
6	Brusseau, Thelma	Manchester, NH	Hadden, John	Aiken, Jennie
8	St Cyr, James	Goffstown, NH	St Cyr, Bertrand	Whitney, Ramona
10	Brown, Marion	Manchester, NH	Jenkins, Thomas	Owens, Mary
13	Osburn, Josephine	Goffstown, NH	Malchuski, Frank	Unknown, Katherine
17	Glidden, Priscilla	Goffstown, NH	Cartier, Joseph	Gagnon, Lydia
18	Fling, Charles	Goffstown, NH	Fling, Charles	McClusky, Catherine
18	Macneilage, Gloria	Concord, NH	Reed, Harold	Lord, Lillian
19	Nadeau, Gabrielle	Manchester, NH	Lottinville, Joseph	Gagne, Clarina
20	Pelletier, Dora	Goffstown, NH	Lacombe, Henry	Hebert, Florida
22	Rutledge, Florence	Goffstown, NH	Johnsen, Nils	Raamundsen, Ragna
23	Cross, Margo	Manchester, NH	Farthing, Ernest	Kickland, Margaret
23	Gentile, Theresa	Goffstown, NH	Pranskunas, Ladislaus	Staniulis, Martha
24	Langton, Alice	Manchester, NH	Schricker, Henry	Putnam, Alice
27	Harvey, Donna	Goffstown, NH	Lemke, Harold	Colbroth, Audrey
28	Carson, John	Manchester, NH	Carson, Unknown	Haverstock, Maisey
28	Theiss, Esther	Manchester, NH	Haupt, Richard	Mertinath, Frieda
29	Johnston, Frances	Goffstown, NH	McKutchers, Charles	Ryan, Catherine
30	Nassoura, Kimberly	Manchester, NH	Nassoura, Charles	Palreiro, Rose
MAY				
9	Huard, Louis	Manchester, NH	Huard, Eusebe	Bedard, Josephine
10	Poitras, Ernest	Manchester, NH	Poitras, Ulysses	Currier, Helen
16	Lang, Helena	Goffstown, NH	Hunkins, Herbert	Igo, Ellen
16	Brooks, Gloria	Manchester, NH	Haltom, David	Wass, Janella
18	Andersen, Eunice	Manchester, NH	Mabry, Rexford	Smith, Hazel
19	Artz, Anna	Goffstown, NH	Lefebvre, Ludger	Hamel, Alphonsene
21	Gosselin, Claire	Goffstown, NH	Dupont, Adelard	Caron, Emma
26	Libby, Mary	Goffstown, NH	Bowley, Howard	Mitchell, Ada

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JUNE				
1	Labore, Paul	Goffstown, NH	Labore, Henry	Lacerte, Lea
6	Dubois, Jeannine	Manchester, NH	Gregoire, Armand	Lefebvre, Josephine
8	Moss, Geraldine	Goffstown, NH	Smith, Delbert	George, Lena
13	Merkey, Donald	Manchester, NH	Merkey, Donald	Goodhue, Lyle
15	Dewyngaardt, Helen	Goffstown, NH	Lussier, Oscar	Fay, Alexina
16	Plourde, Rita	Goffstown, NH	Goudreau, William Van Debogart,	Gill, Florence
17	Turner, Raelene	Concord, NH	Raymond	Bowen, Emma
23	Rivard, Veronica	Manchester, NH	Doyon, Joseph	Pelletier, Dora
25	Marcotte, Thelma	Goffstown, NH	Monney, Nicholas	Bows, Lena
25	Laliberte, Robert	Goffstown, NH	Laliberte, Joseph	Gagnon, Hermeline
29	Hafford, Dwayne	Goffstown, NH	Hafford, Charles	Jackson, Ruby
JULY				
6	Moreau, Bernard	Goffstown, NH	Moreau, Aime	Parry, Irene
11	Douville, Charles	Manchester, NH	Douville, Charles	Comire, Julia
15	Banker, Carolyn	Manchester, NH	Barber, Raymond	Langworthy, Mary
17	Hatch, Richard	Goffstown, NH	Hatch, Leo	Carr, Bertha
24	Tuttle, Ruchard	Goffstown, NH	Tuttle, William	Hanson, Arlene
AUG.				
1	Bernard, Madeline	Goffstown, NH	Goodrich, Ralph	Bartlett, Lottie
1	Parker, Theodore	Manchester, NH	Parker, Percy	Tenny, Mary
6	Callahan, Rose	Nashua, NH	Dryer, John	Shunkert, Margaret
8	Mitchell, John	Manchester, NH	Mitchell, William	McNally, Jennie
9	Biron, Margaret	Manchester, NH	Myers, Arthur	Boyle, Gertrude
10	Gutterson, Delia	Goffstown, NH	Wildman, Edward	Jones, Agnes
11	Brown, Deborah	Goffstown, NH	Batterson, Lawrence	Amsden, Sibyl
13	Noble, Heidi	Manchester, NH	Noble, Stephen	Frenette, Jeannie
23	Langelier, Gilbert	Goffstown, NH	Langelier, Valmor	Boucher, Yvonne
24	Gagnon, Myrtle	Goffstown, NH	Smith, John	Fillman, Lilly
25	Labarre, Edward	Manchester, NH	Labarre, Hodore	Thouin, Glarvina
SEPT.				
8	Billings, Barbara	Manchester, NH	Berry, Wayland	Lawrence, Alta
9	Abbott, Katherine	Goffstown, NH	Hill, Maurice	Martson, Annie
10	Fisher, Thomas	Manchester, NH	Fisher, Charles	Ryan, Marion
13	Bourque, Jeannette	Manchester, NH	Villeux, August	Vachon, Emilia

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SEPT.				
13	Gobin, Roger	Goffstown, NH	Gobin, Robert	Sorento, Esther
15	Grooms, Harry	Lebanon, NH	Grooms, Harry	Parkstone, Irene
17	Anderson, Marian	Goffstown, NH	Marshal, Robert	Annis, Lucy
17	Cote, Andrew	Manchester, NH	Cote, Camille	Ritz, Gerda
20	Livingston, Frances	Goffstown, NH	Baker, Paul	Duffy, Edna
22	Nickerson, Eltheda	Goffstown, NH	Goodwin, Alva	Hall, Maude
25	Landry, Irene	Goffstown, NH	Hebert, Lucien	Boisseau, Amanda
OCT.				
1	L'Heureux, Theresa	Goffstown, NH	Lachance, Lorio	Remillard, Flora
2	Cyr, Yvonne	Goffstown, NH	Ferguson, Joseph	Gorey, Elizabeth
4	Poehlman, Richard	Manchester, NH	Poehlman, Richard	Hecker, Bertha
10	Dziura, Frank	Manchester, NH	Dziura, Walter	Unknown, Apolina
11	Russell, Ethelyn	Manchester, NH	Grant, Theodore	Unknown, Viola
13	Wilsie, Ralph	Manchester, NH	Wilsie, Ralph	MacQueen, Margaret
15	Griffin, Thomas	Manchester, NH	Griffin, Thomas	Fowler, Margaret
22	Sheldon, Daniel	Goffstown, NH	Sheldon, Robert	Smith, Constance
22	Dupont, Antoinette	Goffstown, NH	Gamache, Appolinaire	Pettigrew, Rose
25	Dickson, Norma	Goffstown, NH	Dickson, John	Goffer, Laura
25	Van Den Berghe, Helen	Manchester, NH	Unknown, Unknown	Unknown, Unknown
30	Gauthier, Laurette	Manchester, NH	Lagace, Albert	Lafrance, Claudia
31	Robertson, Robert	Manchester, NH	Robertson, John	Hebert, Evalda
31	Papachristou, Christine	Goffstown, NH	Seonis, Peter	Boulay, Delmina
NOV.				
2	Poulin, Phyllis	Goffstown, NH	Matthews, Karl	Tatro, Agnes
2	Desantis, Fabio John	Goffstown, NH	Desantis, Fabio John	White, Norma
3	Stips, Patricia	Manchester, NH	Stips, Joseph	Osip, Josephine
10	Calise, Elfriede	Concord, NH	Brobeil, Georg	Keinath, Maria
16	Vincent, Anita	Goffstown, NH	Gendron, Edward	Allard, Bernadette
19	Fitzpatrick, Mary	Goffstown, NH	Baillio, Carl	Gavin, Mary
19	Booth, Martha	Goffstown, NH	Ward, Fred	Foxwell, Janet
20	Crockett, Robert	Goffstown, NH	Crockett, Douglas	Kane, Dorothy
28	Martin, John	Manchester, NH	Martin, John	Marchant, Mary
DEC.				
1	Emmel, Marion	Goffstown, NH	Hohmann, Eugene	Ploppert, Mary
2	Varrell, Olive	Goffstown, NH	Noakes, Charles	Spooner, Bernice
3	Mcleod, Laura	Goffstown, NH	Mcleod, Edward	Dick, Caroline

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14	Rice, John	Goffstown, NH	Rice, Louis	Morse, Luci
15	Lambert, Guimond	Goffstown, NH	Lambert, Clement	Vachon, Marie
16	Dubois, Louise	Goffstown, NH	Dubois, Wilfred	Watkins, Lora
16	Kolb, Bernard	Manchester, NH	Kolb, Oscar	Mix, Emmy
18	Thompson, Mary	Goffstown, NH	Harvey, William	Palmer, Elizabeth
21	Riley, Placidus	Manchester, NH	Riley, William	Macleane, Eldya
23	Labadnick, Sophie	Goffstown, NH	Lazzar, John	Lazzar, Mary
24	Lemariere, Robert	Manchester, NH	Lemariere, Robert	Beaudet, Florence
27	Gobin, Linda	Goffstown, NH	Hill, Albert	Ring, Evelyn
27	Lanoie, Malcolm	Manchester, NH	Lanoie, Rene	Boynton, Gladys
27	Rondeau, Annette	Manchester, NH	Jacques, Geoffrey	Houle, Marie

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2005 INTERMENTS

Name	Age	Date of Death	Date of Burial
Hillside Cemetery			
Brusseau, Thelma Frances	87	4/6/2005	4/12/2005
Clark, Margaret	88	4/16/2005	8/27/2005
Gutterson, Delia	90	8/10/2005	8/16/2005
Bolding, Beverly		9/8/2005	9/12/2005
Shirley Hill Cemetery			
Nault, Harold M.		2/25/2005	5/21/2005
White, Mary	92	2/24/2005	5/27/2005
Counter, Roland	63	2/12/2005	6/16/2005
Gorman, Margaret V.	77	3/9/2005	7/1/2005
Nault, Philp H. Jr.		3/27/2005	5/21/2005
Chase, Constance T.	98	5/19/2005	5/17/2005
Wheeler, Lilian	90	5/25/2005	6/1/2005
Smith, Theodora	83	7/5/2005	7/8/2005
Beck, Audrey Monica		7/3/2004	7/17/2005
LaTraverse, Frederick	79	7/22/2005	8/2/2005
Noble, Heidi Jennifer	27	8/13/2005	8/23/2005
Westlawn Cemetery			
Gamache, Arthur	82	1/3/2005	1/7/2005
Folden, Mary	91	1/22/2005	1/28/2005
Locke, Frances Louise	75	1/22/2005	1/27/2005
Anderson, Nancy S.	74	2/19/2005	10/11/2005
Adkisson, Doris	unk	3/6/2005	4/15/2005
Showerman, Katherine Owens	67	3/23/2005	3/26/2005
Vittorioso, Gladys Bernice (Spicer lot)	74	3/31/2005	4/4/2005
Coleman, Margaret Alice	89	4/1/2005	4/5/2005
Brown, Marion J.	71	4/10/2005	4/13/2005
Osburn, Josephine Veronica	89	4/13/2005	4/19/2005
Langton, Alice Barbara	98	4/24/2005	4/27/2005
Dawson, Elizabeth H.	83	5/10/2005	5/17/2005
Knight, Alice Tirrell	101	5/20/2005	9/15/2005
Smith, Beatrice E	96	5/29/2005	7/5/2005
Moss, Geraldine E.	102	6/8/2005	6/16/2005
Dewyngaardt, Helen	88	6/16/2005	6/20/2005
Dubois, Dorothy	58	7/7/2005	7/13/2005

AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT LETTER

**Melanson Heath & Company, PC
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
11 Trafalgar Square, Suite 101
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February 25, 2005

Board of Selectmen
Town of Goffstown
Goffstown, New Hampshire

We have audited the general purpose financial statements for the Town of Goffstown, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004 and have issued our report thereon dated February 25, 2005. As part of our audit, we made a study and evaluation of the Town's system of internal accounting control to the extent we considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards. Under these standards, the purpose of such evaluations is to establish a basis for reliance on the system of internal accounting control in determining the nature, timing and extent of other auditing procedures that are necessary for expressing an opinion on the financial statements.

The management of the Town of Goffstown, New Hampshire is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal accounting control. In fulfilling his responsibility, estimates and judgments by them are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of control procedures. The objectives of such a system are to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with required authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Because of inherent limitations in any system of internal accounting control, errors or irregularities may still occur without being detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the system to future periods is subject to the risks that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

Our study and evaluation was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the internal accounting control structure and would not necessarily disclose all weaknesses in the system. However, as a result of our study and evaluation, and in an effort to be of assistance to the Town, we are submitting for your consideration a number of comments and recommendations intended to improve operations and internal accounting control.

After you have had an opportunity to consider our comments and recommendations, we would be pleased to discuss them with you.

CURRENT YEAR ISSUES:

Require Support When Disbursing from Statements

During our test of vendor disbursements, we noted that the Fire, Police and Recreation departments occasionally submit vendor statements, rather than actual invoices, to support requested vendor disbursements. Because statements do not provide the detail information that typically exist on invoices, errors, irregularities, or duplicate payments could occur and not be detected.

We recommend the Town require invoices be provided as supporting documentation for all vendor disbursements, rather than summary level statements. This will improve controls over the disbursement process.

Consider Long-Term Financial Plan for the Sewer Fund

The operation results of the sewer fund appear to have a negative financial trend. The following summarizes net income/(loss) and cash provided/(used) trend:

<u>Calendar</u> <u>Year</u>	<u>Net</u> <u>Income/(Loss)</u>	<u>Cash Balance</u> <u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>
2001	347,841	\$886,898
2002	3,497	(1,004,428)
2003	(49,979)	(196,798)
2004	(802,279)	(347,549)

Differences in net income compared to cash changes can occur as a result of the purchase of fixed assets/capital improvements, (which are capitalized and not explained), therefore reduce cash but not net income. The above trends appear to be negative in both operating results and cash balances.

We recommend the Sewer Commission establish a five-year financial plan. This plan should include the impact to user charges from sewer operations and

capital improvements. This plan will help the Sewer Commission manage the budget, as well as stabilize increases/decreases to sewer user fees.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Goffstown, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Goffstown, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Goffstown's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Goffstown, as of December 31, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Melanson Heath & Company
Nashua, New Hampshire
February 25, 2005

MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the Town of Goffstown, we offer readers this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of Goffstown for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004.

A. OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town of Goffstown’s basic financial statements. The basic financial statements comprise of three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of our finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net assets presents information on all assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government’s net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities include general government, public safety, public works, health and welfare, and library and recreation. The business-type activities include sewer enterprise activities.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds can be

divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

An annual appropriated budget is adopted for the general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are maintained as follows:

Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. Specifically, enterprise funds are used to account for sewer operations.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the business-type activities reported in the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail.

Fiduciary Funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Town's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that are essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information, which is required to be disclosed by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*.

B. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the total of assets exceeded liabilities by \$ 20,752,807 (i.e., net assets), a decrease of \$ (515,011) in comparison to the prior year.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$ 4,413,783, an increase of \$ 561,101 in comparison with the prior year.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance for the general fund was \$ 1,752,841, an increase of \$ 375,184 in comparison with the prior year.
- Total long-term debt (i.e., bonds payable) at the close of the current fiscal year was \$ 5,114,840, a decrease of \$ (152,511) in comparison to the prior year.

C. GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The following is a summary of condensed government-wide financial data for the current and prior fiscal year. All amounts are presented in thousands.

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003
Current and other assets	\$ 13,392	\$ 11,263	\$ 3,266	\$ 3,968	\$ 16,658	\$15,231
Capital assets	8,832	8,543	9,678	10,274	18,510	18,817
Total assets	22,224	19,806	12,944	14,242	35,168	34,048
Long-term liabilities						
Outstanding	3,613	3,052	466	2,588	4,079	5,640
Other liabilities	8,114	6,544	2,223	597	10,337	7,141
Total liabilities	11,727	9,596	2,689	3,185	14,416	12,781
Net assets:						
Invested in						
capital assets, net	8,326	8,543	8,893	7,581	15,419	16,124
Restricted	803	755	-	-	803	755
Unrestrict	1,368	912	1,362	3,476	4,530	4,388
Total net assets	\$ <u>10,497</u>	\$ <u>10,210</u>	\$ <u>10,255</u>	\$ <u>11,057</u>	\$ <u>20,752</u>	\$ <u>21,267</u>

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	Governmental Activities		Business Type Activities		Total	
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003
<u>Revenues</u>						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 994	\$ 797	\$ 693	\$ 680	\$ 1,687	\$ 1,477
Operating grants and Contributions	590	437	113	192	703	629
Capital grants and Contributions	341	569	-	-	341	569
General revenues:						
Property Taxes	22,344	19,554			22,344	19,554
Motor vehicle permits	2,469	2,433			2,469	2,433
Penalties, interest, and other taxes	373	351			373	351
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	810	756			810	756
Investment income	48	23			48	23
Miscellaneous	272	563			272	563
Total Revenues	28,241	\$25,483	\$ 853	\$ 962	\$29,094	\$26,445
<u>Expenses</u>						
General government	1,507	1,291	-	-	1,507	1,291
Public safety	5,508	4,850			5,508	4,850
Public works	5,639	4,152			5,639	4,152
Health and welfare	55	36			55	36
Library and recreation	906	857			906	857
County assessments	1,392	1,429			1,392	1,429
School district assessment	12,042	9,915			12,042	9,915
Interest on long-term debt	85	83			85	83
Miscellaneous	820	2,720			820	2,720
Sewer Operations			1,655	1,012	1,655	1,012
Total Expenses	<u>\$27,954</u>	<u>\$25,333</u>	<u>\$1,655</u>	<u>\$1,012</u>	<u>\$29,609</u>	<u>\$26,345</u>
Change in net assets	287	150	(802)	(50)	(515)	100
Net assets - beginning of year (as restated)	10,210	10,060	11,507	11,107	21,267	21,167
Net assets - end of year	<u>\$ 10,497</u>	<u>\$10,210</u>	<u>\$10,255</u>	<u>\$11,057</u>	<u>\$20,752</u>	<u>\$21,267</u>

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At the close of the most recent fiscal year, total net assets were \$ 20,752,807, a decrease of \$ (515,011) from the prior year.

By far the largest portion of net assets \$ 15,419,571 reflects our investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of net assets \$ 803,530 represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets \$ 4,529,706 may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Governmental activities. Governmental activities for the year resulted in an increase in net assets of \$ 287,268. Key elements of this increase are as follows:

Budget Variances (General Fund):

Revenue under budget	\$ (75,640)
Net appropriation surplus	769,268
Excess of tax collections over budget	41,874
Budget timing differences	(160,318)

Use of Fund Balance (General Fund):

Use of fund balance to reduce the tax rate	(200,000)
Excess of prior year encumbered appropriations spent in the current fiscal year, over current year encumbrances	(55,258)

Other Funds:

Special revenue and certain trust fund revenues exceeding expenditures	241,175
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Other:

Depreciation expense exceeding bond principal payments	(272,208)
Other	(1,625)
Total	<u>\$ 287,268</u>

Business-Type Activities. Business-type activities for the year resulted in a decrease in net assets of \$ (802,279). This decrease resulted from increased sewer expenses with no offsetting increase in rates.

D. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$ 4,413,782, a decrease of \$ 561,101 in comparison with the prior year. Most of this decrease was attributable to:

Budget Variances (General Fund):

Revenue under budget	(75,640)
Net appropriation surplus	769,268
Excess of tax collections over budget	41,874
Budget timing difference	(160,318)

Use of Fund Balance (General Fund):

Use of fund balance to reduce the tax rate	(200,000)
Excess of prior year encumbered appropriations spent in the current fiscal year, over current year encumbrances	(55,258)

Other Funds:

Special revenue and certain trust fund revenues exceeding expenditures	<u>241,175</u>
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Total	<u>\$ 561,101</u>
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The general fund is the chief operating fund. At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance of the general fund was \$ 1,752,841, while total fund balance was \$ 2,929,385. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unreserved fund balance represents 6.2% of total general fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 10.5% of that same amount.

The fund balance of the general fund decreased by \$ 319,926 during the current fiscal year. Key factors in this change are as follows:

Budget Variances:

Revenue under budget	\$ (75,640)
Net appropriation surplus	769,268
Excess of tax collections over budget	41,874
Budget timing differences	(160,318)

Fund Balance:

Use of fund balance to reduce the tax rate	(200,000)
Excess of prior year encumbered appropriations spent in the current fiscal year, over current year encumbrances	(55,258)
Total	<u>\$319,926</u>

Proprietary funds. Proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the business-type activities reported in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Unrestricted net assets of the enterprise funds at the end of the year amounted to \$ 3,162,017, a decrease of \$ (313,767) in comparison with the prior year. Other factors concerning the finances of proprietary funds have already been addressed in the entity-wide discussion of business-type activities.

E. GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

There are no differences between the original budget and the final amended budget.

F. CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital assets. Total investment in capital assets for governmental and business-type activities at year-end amounted to \$ 18,510,371 (net of accumulated depreciation), a decrease of \$ (306,972) from the prior year. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and system, improvements, and machinery and equipment.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

Purchase of heavy equipment for Department of Public Works:	\$ 495,619
Replacement of vehicles:	\$ 4,961
Replacement of equipment for Various departments:	\$ 122,883
Purchasing of a building:	\$ 84,800

Long-term debt. At the end of the current fiscal year, total bonded debt outstanding was \$ 5,114,840, all of which was backed by the full faith and credit of the government.

Additional information on capital assets and long-term debt can be found in the footnotes to the financial statements.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report represents a condensed version of the Town of Goffstown's financial statements for FYE 12/31/04. Not all schedules and footnotes are presented in this town report version. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

Finance Office
Town of Goffstown
16 Main Street
Goffstown, New Hampshire 03045



L to R: Linda Moody, HR Bookkeeper; Jean Mayberry, Treasurer;
Janice O'Connell, Finance Director, Evelyn Redmond, Bookkeeper

TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS ----- DECEMBER 31, 2004

	Governmental	Business-Type	
	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS: Current			
Cash and short-term investments	10,793,628	2,450,223	13,243,851
Investments	851,048	-	851,048
Receivables, net of allowance for un-collectibles:			
Property Taxes	1,624,668	-	
User Fees	59,484	44,798	
Special Assessments		42,776	
Intergovernmental	32,208	222,474	
Other assets	31,596	-	
Non-current:			
Receivables, net of allowance for un-collectibles:		201,961	201,961
Intergovernmental	-	304,083	304,083
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	883,210	9,678,263	18,510,371
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 22,224,740	\$ 12,944,578	\$ 35,169,318
LIABILITIES: Current:			
Vouchers payable	\$1,121,052	\$50,179	\$1,171,231
Accrued liabilities	210,323	50,777	261,100
Due to school district	6,467,323	-	6,467,677
Due to other governments	1,401	-	1,401
Other current liabilities	13,185	-	13,185
Current portion of long-term liabilities:			
Bonds payable	249,111	365,000	614,111
Other liabilities	51,687	-	51,687
Non-current:			
Bonds payable, net of current portion	2,280,729	2,220,000	4,500,729
Other liabilities, net of current portion	1,332,048	3,342	1,335,390
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 11,727,213	\$ 2,689,298	\$ 14,416,511
NET ASSETS:			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$8,326,308	\$7,093,263	\$15,419,571
Restricted for Permanent funds:			
Nonexpendable	596,385	-	596,385
Expendable	207,145	-	207,145
Unrestricted	1,367,689	3,162,017	
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$10,497,527	\$10,255,280	\$20,752,807

Notes to financial statements available through financial office.

TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

	Program Revenues				Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Assets		
		Charges for	Grants and Contributions		Governmental	Business- Type	
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Services</u>	Operating	Capital	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Governmental Activities:							
General government	1,506,894	97,934			\$ (1,248,007)	-	\$ 1,248,007)
Public safety	5,507,986	497,179			(4,772,857)	-	(4,772,857)
Public works	5,639,560	392,352			(4,850,663)	-	(4,850,663)
Health and welfare	55,472	55,472			(55,472)	-	(55,472)
County assessments					(1,391,540)	-	(1,391,540)
School district assessments					(12,042,442)	-	(12,042,442)
Debt service					(84,691)	-	(84,691)
Miscellaneous					(820,020)	-	(820,020)
Total Governmental Activities					(26,028,770)	-	(26,028,770)
Business-Type Activities:							
Sewer services	1,012,387	679,755	191,970	-	-	(140,662)	(140,662)
	\$ 26,211,410	1,476,265	629,416	569,114	\$ (23,395,953)	(140,662)	(23,536,615)

TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Assets

	Governmental <u>Activities</u>	Business Type <u>Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Taxes	\$ 22,344,495	-	\$ 22,344,495
Motor vehicle permits	\$ 2,468,984	-	\$ 2,468,984
Penalties, interest, and other taxes	\$ 372,582	-	\$ 372,582
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	\$ 810,059	-	\$ 810,059
Investment income	\$ 47,671	\$ 8,919	\$ 56,590
Miscellaneous	\$ 272,247	\$ 37,564	\$ 309,811
Permanent Fund Contributions	-	-	-
TOTAL Rev. & Contributions	\$ 26,316,038	\$ 46,483	\$ 26,362,521
Change in Net Assets	\$ 287,268	\$ (802,279)	\$ 515,011
Beginning of year	\$ 10,210,259	\$ 11,057,559	\$ 21,267,818
End of year	\$ 10,497,527	\$ 11,057,559	\$ 21,401,864

Notes to financial statements available through the Finance Office.

TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

DECEMBER 31, 2004

	Private Purpose Trust Funds	Agency Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash and short term investments	\$ 56,104	\$ 1,005,954
Total Assets	56,104	1,005,954
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Escrow deposits	-	1,005,954
Total Liabilities	-	1,005,954
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		
Total net assets held in trust	\$ 56,104	\$ -

Notes to financial statements available through the Finance Office.

SELECTMEN'S RESPONSE TO AUDITORS

June 6, 2005

Melanson Heath & Company, P.C.
11 Trafalgar Square, Suite 101
Nashua, New Hampshire 03063-1974

Dear Auditors:

The following are the response from the Board of Selectmen to the General Fund Management Letter comment dated February 25, 2005, prepared by Melanson Heath & Company. The Sewer Commissioners, under separate letter, will make a response to your comment #2. The comments in the letter pertain to issues surrounding the audit for year ending December 31, 2004.

Comment #1 Response: The Finance Office has instructed all departments to submit invoices as supporting documentation for all vendor disbursements, rather than summary level statements. We agree that this procedure will improve controls over the disbursement process.

Respectfully Submitted,

GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Gossett W. McRae, *Chairman*

Bruce F. Hunter, *Vice Chairman*

Philip A. D'Avanza

Barbara J. Griffin

Robert L. Wheeler

GOFFSTOWN SEWER COMMISSIONERS' RESPONSE TO THE AUDITORS

June 14, 2005

Melanson Heath & Company, P.C.
11 Trafalgar Square, Suite 101
Nashua, New Hampshire 03063-1974

Dear Auditors:

The following are the response from the Sewer Commissioners to the Sewer Enterprise Fund Management Letter comment dated February 25, 2005, prepared by Melanson Heath & Company. The Board of Selectmen, under separate letter, will make a response to your comment #1. The comments in the letter pertain to issues surrounding the audit for year ending December 31, 2004.

Comment #2 Response: The Sewer Commissioners agree that it would be beneficial to establish a long-range financial plan and we are currently working on this process. We will work with the Finance Director, and other agencies, to develop a plan that will help the Commission determine the impact to user charges from sewer operations and capital improvements. We agree that a long-range plan will help the Commission manage its budget, as well as stabilize increases/decreases to sewer user fees.

Respectfully Submitted,

GOFFSTOWN SEWER COMMISSIONERS
Stephen Crean, *Chairman*
James Bouchard, *Vice Chairman*
Paul LaPerle

MS-1 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION FOR YEAR 2005

	ASSESSED	TOTAL
LAND	VALUATION	TAXABLE
Current Use (incl. Conser. Restr.)	\$ 903,400	
Conservation Restriction Assessment	0	
Discretionary Easement	1,300	
Residential	400,360,500	
Commercial/Industrial	48,591,800	
Total Taxable Land		\$449,857,000
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable (est.)		23,568,100
BUILDINGS		
Residential	\$ 672,483,100	
Manufactured Housing	26,174,200	
Commercial/Industrial	63,883,700	
Discretionary Preservation Easement	13,200	
Total of Taxable Buildings		\$762,554,200
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable		86,422,700
PUBLIC UTILITIES		
Electric	\$ 22,457,200	
Gas	722,400	
Total Public Utilities		\$ 23,179,600
TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS		\$1,235,590,800

EXEMPTIONS:	NUMBER	
Certain Disabled Veterans	2	\$364,200
School Dining/Dorms/Kitchen	1	150,000
Blind	17	255,000
Elderly	66	2,120,000
Total Exemptions	98	\$2,375,000

NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION RATE IS COMPUTED	\$1,232,701,600
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NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED	\$1,209,522,000
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Respectfully Submitted,
Ron Mace, Assessor

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Map/Lot	Location	Land Value	Bldg. Value	Total Value
SCHOOL				
4/103	16 Maple Avenue	157,200	2,771,900	2,929,100
5/97	Wallace Road - GAHS	14,100		14,100
5/98	27 Wallace Road - GAHS	406,200	10,990,100	11,396,300
8/74	Tibbetts Hill Rd. - MVMS	937,200	8,243,600	9,180,800
17/182	689 Mast Road - Bartlett	531,300	1,213,700	1,745,000
SCHOOL TOTALS:		2,046,000	23,219,300	25,265,300

GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT

1/37	Back Mountain Road	472,000		472,000
1/38	Back Mountain Road	967,500	88,700	1,056,200
4/11	off Merrill Road	70,600	5,600	76,200
4/16/2	Mountain Road	102,000		102,000
7/2	Mast Road	42,200	11,000	53,200
7/5	North Mast Road	219,100		219,100
7/8/1	North Mast Road	31,400		31,400
7/106/2	High Street	60,700		60,700

GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE

WATER PRECINCT TOTALS:		\$1,965,500	105,300	2,070,800
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TOWN & CONSERVATION

1/35	Back Mountain Road	291,800		291,800
2/39/4	off Back Mountain Rd	12,300		12,300
2/64/28	Shirley Hill Road	29,900		29,900
3/9	off School House Road	26,600		26,600
4/61	off New Boston Road	28,500		28,500
5/14	Goffstown Back Road	279,200		279,200
5/15/3	Elm St	20,000		20,000
5/15/4	Elm St	50,000		50,000
5/24	404 Elm Street	362,000	811,300	1,173,300
5/38/39	Juniper Drive	38,400		38,400
6/39/1/A	326 Mast Road	81,000	627,500	708,500
7/3/1	off Mast Road	17,300		17,300
7/72	Mast/Autumn Street	450,700		450,700
8/43	off Locust Hill	29,300		29,300
8/44	off Locust Hill	13,500		13,500
9/29/1	289 Tirrell Hill Road	76,600	195,600	272,200
10/11	Tenney Road	6,500		6,500
12/10A	Montelona Rd (off)	118,500		118,500

15/58	Rosemont Street	80,600		80,600
15/59	Rosemont Street	5,800		5,800
15/57A	Rosemont Street	90,000	103,400	193,400
15/73A	31 Rosemont Street	6,000		6,000
17/37	656 Mast Rd.	87,500	439,000	526,500
17/238	36 Laurier Street	173,200	12,500	185,700
19/15	19 Channel Lane	17,000	2,000	19,000
19/47	off Sharon St	250,000		250,000
21/85	60 Cove Street	59,200		59,200
21/64A	Riverside Drive	26,400		26,400
21/120A	Moose Club Park Rd	29,000		29,000
24/44	Rem Drive	7,400		7,400
24/44R/6	Rem Drive	15,100		15,100
24/59A	Lynchville Park Road	31,700		31,700
26/13A	Mast Rd./Henry Bridge	10,700		10,700
27/23	Henry Bridge Road	23,400		23,400
27/25	86 Center Street	45,000	2,000	47,000
28/28	87 Center St	58,800	141,500	200,300
30/81	Barnard Lane	134,800	146,100	280,900
30/25A	Pineridge Road	10,000		10,000
30/29/A	Highland Avenue	11,100		11,100
31/19	155 S Mast St	75,500	142,200	217,700
31/22	off Mast Road	51,800		51,800
32/26E/18	Hermsdorf Avenue	11,600		11,600
32/26E/19	Hermsdorf Avenue	11,700		11,700
32/26E/22	Hermsdorf Avenue	11,600		11,600
32/26E/30	Janice Drive	11,600		11,600
32/26E/55	Thomas Drive	11,900		11,900
34/83	16 Main Street	212,900	588,400	801,300
34/96	Church Street	117,800	12,700	130,500
34/99	Church Street	147,200		147,200
34/107	2 High Street	176,100	268,500	444,600
34/129	Mill Street	34,100		34,100
34/138	11 School St	128,000	210,700	338,700
34/148	Main Street	176,000	9,200	185,200
34/152	Main Street	138,400		138,400
34/177	East Union Street	105,300	69,000	174,300
35/48	Island on Glen Lake	250,400		250,400
37/9	N Mast St	45,000		45,000
38/13	18 Church Street	159,500	270,000	429,500
40/1	Crescent Lane	48,700		48,700
40/8	Perimeter Road	4,500		4,500

40/11	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,500		4,500
40/12	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	33,000		33,000
40/14	Crescent Lane	4,600		4,600
40/15	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,600		4,600
40/16	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,500		4,500
40/17	Crescent Lane	4,500		4,500
40/18	Crescent Lane	4,500		4,500
40/19	Crescent Lane	4,300		4,300
40/20	Crescent Lane	4,300		4,300
40/21	Crescent Lane	4,500		4,500
40/22	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,600		4,600
40/23	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/24	Crescent Lane	4,500		4,500
40/25	Crescent Lane	4,900		4,900
40/27	Perimeter Road	4,600		4,600
40/29	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,600		4,600
40/34	Summit Road	4,400		4,400
40/35	Summit Road	4,400		4,400
40/42	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,500		4,500
40/4A	Uncanoonuc Mtn.	26,600		26,600
40/47	197 Perimeter Road	30,800	300	31,100
40/50	off Perimeter Road	5,000		5,000
40/53	Beech Lane	4,400		4,400
40/54	Summit Avenue	4,400		4,400
40/56	Maple Lane	4,400		4,400
40/57	Maple Lane	4,400		4,400
40/58	Summit Road	4,400		4,400
40/59	Maple Lane	4,600		4,600
40/60	41 Crescent Lane	4,400		4,400
40/61	Chestnut Lane	4,400		4,400
40/63	Chestnut Lane	4,400		4,400
40/64	Chestnut Ln/Summit	4,600		4,600
40/65	Beech Lane	4,600		4,600
40/66	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/67	Beech Lane	4,400		4,400
40/68	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/69	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/70	Chestnut Lane	4,400		4,400
40/71	Chestnut Lane	4,500		4,500
40/72	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,300		4,300
40/73	off Perimeter Road	4,400		4,400
40/74	Chestnut Lane	4,700		4,700
40/76	Birch Lane	4,400		4,400

40/77	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/78	Birch Lane	4,300		4,300
40/79	Uncanoonuc Mountain	4,400		4,400
40/80	Birch Lane	4,400		4,400
40/81	Uncanoonuc Mountain	4,400		4,400
40/82	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/83	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/85	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/86	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,500		4,500
40/87	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/88	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/89	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,500		4,500
40/90	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/91	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/92	Uncanoonuc Mountain	4,500		4,500
40/93	Cedar Lane	4,300		4,300
40/94	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/95	Uncanoonuc Mountain	4,600		4,600
40/97	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/98	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,500		4,500
40/99	Pine Lane	4,600		4,600
40/101	Pine Lane	4,700		4,700
40/103	off Perimeter Road	4,400		4,400
40/104	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/105	Summit Ave.	4,700		4,700
40/106	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/107	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/113	Perimeter Road	122,100	61,600	183,700
40/115	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	163,500		163,500
40/47A	off Perimeter Road	4,500		4,500
40/50A	off Perimeter Road	4,300		4,300
41/6	Forest Avenue	9,000		9,000
41/7	Incline Avenue	9,500		9,500
41/9	Incline Avenue	9,200		9,200
41/14	Mountain/Park Ave.	10,600		10,600
41/16	Mountain Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/17	Mountain Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/19	Uncanoonuc Avenue	9,000		9,000
41/21	Park Avenue	15,500		15,500
41/22	Crown Avenue	9,500		9,500
41/23	Uncanoonuc Avenue	8,500		8,500
41/24	Uncanoonuc Avenue	9,200		9,200

41/29	Uncanoonuc Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/30	Incline Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/31	S. Mountain Base	8,800		8,800
41/32	Kaoka Avenue	9,900		9,900
41/33	Kaoka Avenue	13,800		13,800
41/34	Chocorua Avenue	23,100		23,100
41/35	Wonolancet Avenue	13,000		13,000
41/36	Wonolancet Avenue	25,700		25,700
41/37	Chocorua Avenue	17,900		17,900
41/37A	Chocorua Avenue	9,900		9,900
41/38	Chocorua Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/39	Chocorua Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/40	Chocorua Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/41	Chocorua Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/42	Chocorua Avenue	9,500		9,500
41/43	Chocorua Avenue	11,600		11,600
41/45	Kaoka Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/46	Kaoka Avenue	9,200		9,200
41/47	Kaoka Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/48	Kaoka Avenue	10,000		10,000
41/49	Kaoka Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/50	Kaoka Avenue	9,200		9,200
41/51	Mascoma Avenue	44,400	5,000	49,400
41/56	Uncanoonuc Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/61	Uncanoonuc Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/62	Uncanoonuc Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/69	46 Incline Avenue	45,200	14,400	59,600
41/75	S. Mtn. Base/RR Ave.	14,200		14,200
41/76	Railroad Avenue	9,300		9,300
41/77	Railroad Avenue	11,300		11,300
41/78	Railroad Avenue	5,200		5,200
41/79	Mascoma Avenue	9,300		9,300
41/80	S. Mtn. Base Road	9,200		9,200
41/64A	Uncanoonuc Avenue	8,900		8,900
42/2	Railroad Avenue	9,700		9,700
42/4	Railroad Avenue	8,400		8,400
42/5	off Railroad Avenue	9,600		9,600
42/6	3 Orr St	46,800	8,000	54,800
42/12	Incline Avenue	8,900		8,900
42/15	Mountain Avenue	9,200		9,200
42/18	Mountain Avenue	10,200		10,200
42/19	Orr Street	9,200		9,200
42/22	Park Ave	11,700		11,700

42/23	Crown Avenue	12,800		12,800
42/24	Chestnut Slope	120,000		120,000
42/25	Chestnut Slope	9,200		9,200
42/28	165 Mountain Base Road	8,800		8,800
42/29	Chestnut Slope	8,800		8,800
42/30	169 Mountain Base Rd	45,900	10,700	56,600
42/31	Chestnut Slope	8,800		8,800
42/32	Chestnut Slope	8,800		8,800
42/33	Chestnut Slope	9,200		9,200
42/35	Chestnut Slope	8,900		8,900
42/36	Chestnut Slope	8,900		8,900
42/37	Chestnut Slope	8,900		8,900
42/40	off Mtn. Base Road	9,200		9,200
42/41	Chestnut Slope	8,800		8,800
42/42	Chestnut Slope	8,900		8,900
42/45	Lake Uncanoonuc	9,100		9,100
42/51	Railroad Avenue	5,200		5,200
43/24/1	Arrowhead Dr	66,000	20,000	86,000
TOTAL TOWN & CONSERVATION:		\$6,751,800	4,876,800	11,628,600
GRAND TOTAL		\$10,763,300	28,201,400	38,964,700



*L-R seated: Sue Desruisseaux, Town Administrator,
Karen Mullaney, Executive Secretary.*

*L-R Standing: Matthew Carlone, IT Technician, Jim Bingham, Asst. Town
Administrator, Neil Funcke, IT Director.*

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**DUE
SEPTEMBER 1
FY: 2005**

City/Town:

Goffstown

REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES (RSA 21-J:34)

Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.	For Use By Municipality	Reserved for Use by DRA
	TAXES			
3120	Land Use Change Taxes	16	145,312	
3180	Resident Taxes			
3185	Timber Taxes	16	6,296	
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	16	50,412	
3189	Other Taxes			
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Txs	16	167,064	
	Inventory Penalties			
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)			
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	16	5,059	
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	16	2,556,785	
3230	Building Permits	16	70,326	
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	16	22,921	
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	16	23,763	
	FROM STATE			
3351	Shared Revenues	16	105,427	
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	16	641,332	
3353	Highway Block Grant	16	363,290	
3354	Water Pollution Grant	16	146,697	
3355	Housing & Community Development			
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement			
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement			
3359	Other (Includ. Railroad Tax)	16	379,756	
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS			

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

3401-3406 Income from Departments	16	657,260
3409 Other Charges	16	129,171

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

3501 Sale of Municipal Property	16	60,000
3502 Interest on Investments	16	65,032
3503-3509 Other	16	274,879

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

3912 Special Revenue Funds	16	202,695
3913 Capital Projects Fund		
3914 Enterprise Fund		
Sewer - (Offset)	16	1,950,505
Water - (Offset)		
Electric - (Offset)		
Airport - (Offset)		
3915 Capital Reserve Fund		
3916 Trust & Agency Funds	16	8,361

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES

3934 Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes

SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES 8,032,343

General Fund Balance

For Municipal Use

Unreserved Fund Balance	\$2,928,519	
		0
Fund Balance - Retained	\$2,328,519	
Fund Balance - Reduce Taxes	\$600,000	600,000

TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS 8,632,343

REQUESTED OVERLAY (RSA 76:6) \$76,541

Budget of the Town of GOFFSTOWN -Year 2006**MS-7**

		PRIOR YEAR		APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR			
PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	WARR ART. #	APPROPRIATIONS AS APPROVED BY DRA	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	SELECT-MEN'S RECOM-MENDED	NOT RECOM-MENDED	BUDGET COMMIT - TEE'S RECOM - MENDED	NOT RECOM-MENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
Executive (includes IT budget)	9	535,217	533,992	641,999		641,999	
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	9	203,937	194,986	204,168		204,168	
Financial Administration	9	321,513	314,796	334,545		334,545	
Revaluation of Property	9	144,448	142,841	142,867		142,867	
Legal Expense							
Personnel Administration							
Planning & Zoning & Economic Dev.	9	259,070	260,272	270,007		270,007	
General Government Buildings							
Cemeteries	9	97,681	92,396	89,637		89,637	
Insurance							
Advertising & Regional Assoc.							
Other General Government (expenditure incl. grant award)	9	22,965	28,287	22,010		22,010	
PUBLIC SAFETY							
Police	9	3,377,061	3,116,912	3,452,873		3,452,873	
Ambulance: Emergency Med.Srvcs							
Fire	9	2,030,096	1,907,096	1,953,488		1,953,488	
Building Inspection	9	89,947	82,092	109,189		109,189	
Emergency Management (expenditure incl. grant awards)	9	4,276	20,183	4,276		4,276	
Other Public Safety (Including Communications)							
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS							
Administration & Highways & Streets	9	2,856,179	2,725,257	2,928,786		2,928,786	
Bridges							

Street Lighting & Other						
SANITATION						
Administration & Solid Waste Collection (expenditure incl. repairs made at landfill using FEMA grant funds)	9	1,163,577	1,341,620	1,246,238		1,246,238
Solid Waste Disposal & Cleanup						
Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other						
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT						
Administration & Water Services						
Water Treatment, Conservation & Other						
ELECTRIC						
Administration & Generation						
Purchase Costs						
Electric Equipment Maintenance						
Other Electric Costs						
HEALTH						
Administration & Pest Control						
Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other						
WELFARE						
Administration & Direct Assistance	9	59,741	58,060	62,833		62,833
Inter-gov. Welfare Payments						
Vendor Payments & Other						
CULTURE & RECREATION						
Parks & Recreation	9	328,945	319,221	337,841		337,841
Library	9	541,884	530,784	558,661		558,661
Other Culture & Recreation: Public Access TV	9	46,851	47,018	43,497		43,497
CONSERVATION						
Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources						
Other Conservation						
Redevelopment & Housing						
Economic Development						

DEBT SERVICE							
Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes	9	249,111	249,111	253,311		253,311	
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	9	99,585	99,585	89,440		89,440	
Interest on TANs	9	1	0	1		1	
Other Debt Service							
CAPITAL OUTLAY							
Land & Improvements	9	441,000	424,007	238,000		238,000	
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment (incl. ambulance emerg. expenditure of \$128,500 approved by DRA)	9	553,708	643,561	688,279		688,279	
Buildings (expenditure for grant award)			18,879				
Improv. Other than Buildings	9	434,860	402,525	409,860		409,860	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT							
To Special Revenue Fund	9	202,695	186,185	310,991		310,991	
To Capital Projects Fund							
To Enterprise Fund							
Sewer-	9	2,097,202	1,674,952	1,923,423		1,923,423	
Water-							
Electric-							
To Capital Reserve Fund							
To Expendable Trust Funds (except Health Maint. Trust Fund)							
To Health Maintenance Trust Fund							
To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
To Agency Funds							
SUBTOTAL 1	9	16,161,550	15,414,618	16,316,220		16,316,220	
MAIN STREET PROGRAM							
	18	15,000	15,000	15,000		15,000	
ADDITIONAL FIREFIGHTERS / EMTs	30				221,258		221,258
SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended				15,000		15,000	

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	WARR ART. #	PRIOR YEAR		APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR			
		APPROPRIATIONS AS APPROVED BY DRA	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	SELECT- MEN'S		BUDGET COMMIT - TEE'S	
				RECOM- MENDED	NOT RECOM- MENDED	RECOM- MENDED	NOT RECOM- MENDED
CONSERVATION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND		80,000	80,000				
POLICE CONTRACT	10			40,277		40,277	
DPW CONTRACT	11			35,518		35,518	
DPW ROAD RECLAMATION & RESURFACING	12	1,865,000	1,864,977	1,821,000		1,821,000	
GRASMERE TOWN HALL CAP. RESERVE FUND	16	100,000	100,000	100,000		100,000	
EXCAVATOR PURCHASE	17			100,000		100,000	
EMS AMBULANCE REIMBURSEMENT	19			94,427		94,427	
				2,191,222		2,191,222	

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN -YEAR 2006				MS-7
SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr Art. #	Estimated Revenue Prior Year (MS-4)	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE for Ensuing Fiscal Year
TAXES				
Land Use Change Taxes	9	80,000	115,675	100,000
Resident Taxes				
Yield Taxes	9	30,000	7,102	30,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	9	77,226	50,412	
Other Taxes				
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	9	155,000	146,302	179,800
INVENTORY PENALTIES				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
Business Licenses & Permits	9	4,500	5,329	5,150
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	9	2,653,946	2,556,734	2,582,353
Building Permits	9	80,000	63,259	77,100
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	9	24,616	23,305	25,838
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	9	1,000	25,148	10,000
FROM STATE				
Shared Revenues	9	105,427	116,137	105,427
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	9	577,786	641,332	641,332
Highway Block Grant	9	363,290	363,290	363,290
Water Pollution Grant	9	146,697	146,697	137,440
Housing & Community Development				
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
Flood Control Reimbursement				
Other (from State grants)	9	290,175	488,777	227,086
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
Income from Departments	9	514,570	506,855	451,935
Other Charges	9	145,766	116,483	131,286
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
Sale of Municipal Property	9	50,000	60,278	10,000
Interest on Investments	9	25,000	92,618	75,000
Other	9	217,101	255,450	280,564

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN				
Special Revenue Funds: EMS & Sewer	9 & 19	471,437	434,706	591,545
Capital Projects Fund				
Enterprise Fund				
Sewer - (Offset)	9	1,950,505	1,950,505	1,785,983
Water - (Offset)				
Electric - (Offset)				
Capital Reserve Fund				
Trust & Agency Funds	9	17,858	8,361	13,500
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
Amounts Voted from "Surplus" (act. rev, incl. ambulance rev. from fund bal. DRA approved)				
"Surplus" Used in Prior Year to Reduce Taxes			600,000	
TOTAL REVENUES		7,981,900	8,774,755	7,824,629

BUDGET SUMMARY	SELECTMAN	BUDGET COMMITTEE
SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 3)	16,316,220	16,316,220
SUBTOTAL 2 "Individual" warrant articles (from page 4)	15,000	15,000
SUBTOTAL 3 Special warrant articles as defined by Law (from page 4)	2,191,222	2,191,222
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	18,522,442	18,522,442
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues (Exclusive of Property Taxes)	7,824,629	7,824,629
Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	10,697,813	10,697,813

2005 TAX RATE CALCULATION

	<u>Town Portion</u>		
Appropriations	18,221,550		
Less: Revenues	8,632,343		
Less: Shared Revenues	111,651		
Add: Overlay	76,541		
War Service Credits	456,875		
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Net Town Appropriation		10,010,972	
Municipal Tax Rate			8.11
	<u>School Portion</u>		
Net Local School Budget	22,561,366		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(5,058,937)		
State Education Taxes	(3,418,322)		
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Net School Appropriation		14,084,107	
Local Education Rate			11.43
State Education Taxes		3,418,322	
State Education Rate			2.83
	<u>County Portion</u>		
Due to County	1,540,280		
Less: Shared Revenues	(15,195)		
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Approved County Tax Effort		1,525,085	
County Tax Rate			1.24
Total Tax Rate			23.61
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Total Taxes Assessed		29,038,486	
Less: War Service Credits		(456,875)	
Total Property Tax Commitment		28,581,611	
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TAX COLLECTOR REPORT (MS-61)

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005

DEBIT

Levies of:	2005	2004
Uncollected Taxes		
at Beginning of Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes		\$1,230,754
Land Use Change		\$64,176
Yield Taxes		\$150
Taxes Committed this Year:		
Property Taxes	\$28,585,476	
Land Use Change	\$188,990	
Yield Taxes	\$7,102	
Overpayment:		
Property Taxes	\$79,358	\$16,560
Interest and Cost Collected on		
Delinquent Tax:	\$18,138	\$60,492
TOTAL DEBITS		

CREDIT

	2005	2004
Remittance to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$27,248,035	\$767,404
Land Use Change	\$165,780	\$64,176
Yield Taxes	\$7,102	\$150
Interest & Costs	\$18,138	\$60,492
Conversion to Lien		\$442,956
Abatements Made:		
Property Taxes	\$4,201	\$16,620
Deferrals	\$9,951	\$20,334
Uncollected Taxes		
End of Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes	\$1,402,647	
Land Use Change	\$23,210	
Yield Taxes		
TOTAL CREDITS		

Tax Collector Report (MS-61)

Summary of Tax Lien Accounts

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005

DEBIT

	2004	2003	2000,01,02
Unredeemed Lien Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year:		\$173,183	\$71,920
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year:	\$473,240		
Interest & Costs Collected: (After Lien Execution)	\$18,360	\$20,738	\$28,102
Refunds of Liened Property:	\$37,577	\$12,231	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$529,177		\$

CREDIT

	2004	2003	2000,01,02
Remittance to Treasurer			
Redemptions:	\$268,243	\$99,492	\$67,160
Interest/Costs Collected: (After Lien Execution)	\$18,360	\$20,738	\$28,102
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes:	\$37,468	\$12,231	
Liens Deeded to Municipality:			
Unredeemed Lien Balance At end of Year:	\$205,106	\$73,691	\$4,760
TOTAL CREDITS			\$

2005 TAX YEAR: APRIL 1, 2005 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2006

The Tax Department wishes to thank the taxpayers of Goffstown for all of your cooperation in 2005. We are looking forward to serving you in the coming year.

Gail L. Lavallee
Tax Collector

BALANCE SHEET

Un-audited for Year Ending 12/31/2005

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	9,498,102
Investments		192,170
Taxes receivable		1,876,098
Accounts receivable		86,089
Overlay		(65,076)
Due from other governments		360,990
Due from others		44,532
Total Assets and Other Debits	\$	11,992,905

LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS

Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$	542,542
Due to School District		7,302,429
Other liabilities and accrued expenses		24,975
Total Liabilities	\$	7,869,946

Equity and Other Credits:

Fund balances:

Reserved for encumbrances	\$	1,306,321
Unreserved - undesignated		2,816,638
Total Equity and Other Credits	\$	4,122,959

Total Liabilities, Equity and Other Credits	\$	11,992,905
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TREASURY REPORT

Unaudited for Year Ending December 31, 2005

Cash on Hand – January 1, 2005	\$ 10,138,450.48
Deposits, Transfers & Adjustments	<u>35,195,625.76</u>
Total Cash	45,334,076.24
Disbursements, Transfers & Adjustments	<u>35,644,604.01</u>
Cash on Hand - December 31, 2005	<u><u>\$ 9,689,472.23</u></u>

Citizens Bank	\$ 9,497,301.84
NH Investment Pool	41,497.75
Fleet Bank	<u>150,672.64</u>
	<u><u>\$ 9,689,472.23</u></u>

TOWN CLERK /TAX COLLECTOR STAFF



*Standing L-R: Stephanie Barrett , Karen Leclerc , Renee Millson.
Seated L-R: Donna Bergeron, Town Clerk; Gail Lavallee, Tax Collector
Absent: Rosemary Garretson*

DEBT SCHEDULE

Year	Principal	Interest	Total	Year	Principal	Interest	Total
1989 General Obligation Bond – Sewer				2001 General Obligation Bond – Sewer			
2006	100,000	10,500	110,500	2013	75,000	14,081	89,081
2007	100,000	3,500	103,500	2014	75,000	10,631	85,631
Total	200,000	14,000	214,000	2015	75,000	7,163	82,163
1990 General Obligation Bond – Sewer				2016	75,000	3,600	78,600
2006	105,000	38,981	143,981	Total	825,000	226,875	1,051,875
2007	105,000	31,849	136,894	SEWER BONDS			
2008	105,000	24,806	129,806	TOTAL:	2,220,000	4383,778	2,703,778
2009	105,000	17,719	122,719	2001 Landfill Closure SRLFs			
2010	105,000	10,631	115,631	Year	Principal	Int./Fees	Total
2011	105,000	3,544	108,544	2006	168,311	69,040	237,351
Total	630,000	127,575	757,575	2007	168,311	62,778	231,089
1994 General Obligation Bond – Sewer				2008	168,311	56,515	224,826
2006	30,000	7,144	37,144	2009	168,311	50,252	218,563
2007	25,000	5,478	30,478	2010	168,311	43,990	212,301
2008	25,000	3,931	28,931	2011	168,311	37,727	206,038
2009	25,000	2,363	27,363	2012	168,311	31,464	199,775
2010	25,000	788	25,788	2013	168,311	25,200	193,511
Total	130,000	19,703	149,703	2014	168,311	18,938	187,249
1998 General Obligation Bond – Sewer				2015	168,311	12,675	180,986
2006	55,000	21,200	76,200	2016	168,311	6,412	174,723
2007	55,000	18,588	73,588	2017	4,311	150	4,460
2008	55,000	15,975	70,975	TOTAL LANDFILL CLOSURE SRLFs			
2009	55,000	13,363	68,636	Total	1,855,729	415,141	2,270,870
2010	55,000	10,750	65,750	2004 Municipal Curbside Recycling Bond			
2011	55,000	8,000	63,000	2006	85,000	20,400	105,400
2012	55,000	5,250	60,250	2007	85,000	17,000	102,000
2013	50,000	2,500	52,500	2008	85,000	12,750	97,750
Total	435,000	95,625	530,625	2009	85,000	8,500	93,500
2001 General Obligation Bond – Sewer				2010	85,000	4,250	89,250
2006	75,000	36,900	111,900	TOTAL MUNICIPAL CURBSIDE RECYCLING BOND			
2007	75,000	33,806	108,806		425,000	62,900	487,041
2008	75,000	30,713	105,713				
2009	75,000	27,488	102,488				
2010	75,000	24,206	99,206				
2011	75,000	20,831	95,831				
2012	75,000	17,456	92,456				

TOWN CLERK TRANSACTIONS

		2004			2005
	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>\$</u>		<u>Quantity</u>	<u>\$</u>
Motor Vehicle Permits:					
Automobiles	19,513	\$2,422,888.62		20,049	\$2,495,808.79
Municipal Agent Fees	18,519	\$46,297.50		18,998	\$47,495.00
Title Fees (CTA's)	3,603	\$7,204.00		3,610	\$7,220.00
Mail-In Fees	14,174	\$14,174.00		14,804	\$14,804.00
Boat Registrations	156	\$2,282.00		203	\$2,808.26
Boat Agent Fees	156	\$235.00		203	\$304.50
E-Registrations	0	\$0.00		51	\$121.70
Protested Checks	33	\$1,056.00		37	\$1,159.00
Dog Licenses					
Fines	25	\$750.00		35	\$1,100.00
Licenses *	1,238	\$9,092.00		1,208	\$9,101.50
Filing Fees					
Articles of Agree.	1	\$5.00		1	\$10.00
Game Licenses	12	\$950.00		11	\$975.00
Pole Licenses	4	\$40.00		0	\$0.00
Filing Fees	15	\$170.00		47	\$685.00
Candidate Filings	17	\$26.00		9	\$9.00
UCCs	232	\$3,450.00		244	\$3,635.00
Vital Records:					
Birth Certificates *	251	\$2,816.00		287	\$3,184.00
Death Certificates *	520	\$4,716.00		455	\$4,212.00
Marriage Licenses *	77	\$3,465.00		87	\$3,915.00
Marriage Certificates *	190	\$2,004.00		195	\$2,000.00
Miscellaneous:		\$614.80			\$485.31
Amount Remitted to					
Treasurer		\$2,522,235.92			\$2,599,033.06

* Revenues prior to payments to the State of New Hampshire

SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT

This office holds four major areas of responsibility: Facilities Management, General Assistance administration, Administrative Liaison to Conservation Commission, Historic District Commission and Community Access TV Committee, the Town of Goffstown’s Annual Report and special projects.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT: After an analysis of maintenance needs in all the town departments, we created the new position of buildings supervisor. Marc Tessier, our maintenance supervisor for the town offices and police dept., was promoted to this new position and will be responsible for the consolidation of service contracts and maintenance & safety inspections required in all our facilities. Marc is improving efficiencies in maintenance services by managing repair and maintenance requests from all the town departments.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE: The Town of Goffstown, along with the other municipalities in New Hampshire, has the responsibility of relieving and maintaining any persons in town who are poor and unable to support themselves. Assistance with the necessities is provided through a voucher system and eligibility is determined according to guidelines established by the Board of Selectmen. This community is truly fortunate in having a number of individuals, organizations that help in this effort, such as the Goffstown Salvation Army, Goffstown Network, Vestree Shop, Goffstown Outreach Program, Clergy Association, Lions Club and St. Matthew’s Outreach program. This year our office received over 85 requests for assistance. 47 were first time applicants.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: We applied for and received a grant of \$11,600 from the NH Division of Historic Resources to study the feasibility of nominating the Goffstown Village commercial district as a Historic District on the National Registry. This nomination would offer potential income tax credits to selected commercial properties that undergo major rehabilitation to buildings. This office is collaborating with the Goffstown Main Street program in implementing this grant-funded study. This office authored and submitted a \$3 million grant to the NH Dept. of Transportation to construct the Goffstown Rail Trail. In the Southern NH Planning Commission evaluation of all regional grants, this grant received the highest ranking and now awaits State level evaluation. We finished the structural modifications project at the Grasmere Town Hall, which enabled us to reinforce the structural columns and carrying beams in the basement. This project was funded in part from a grant the town received in 2004 from the NH Division of Historic Resources.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Bingham, Assistant Town Administrator

TOWN CLERK OFFICE

Automobile registrations continue to rise as many new residents move to our town. For a small servicing fee you may renew your registrations on-line and avoid waiting in line. Simply go to www.goffstown.com, click on the moose plate and follow the instructions to renew your registrations via "E-Reg".

We continue our mail-in registration renewal program. Renewal notices are sent out by the 25th of the month prior to your registration expiration. Registrations are processed in the order in which they are received. Please, read the instructions on the notice carefully. You must include a self-addressed stamped envelope. 682 people failed to send a self-addressed stamped envelope, which impacted our budget with additional postage expense of nearly \$253.00. Approximately 6% of the notices are being returned for bad addresses. The State does not allow mail-in forms to be forwarded, so please remember to change your address with the State Motor Vehicle Licensing Bureau even if you are moving within the Town of Goffstown. We do not do quotes or release any information over the phone because of the privacy laws.

You are welcome to come to our office to register your vehicle. We will no longer renew a motor vehicle registration unless you have your previous registration or the mail-in renewal form. If you are a new resident, you must bring proof of residency with you and you must bring your previous registration. We began doing boat registrations in 2004. There is a \$1.50 processing fee. Please be sure to bring your state renewal form and you must present your driver's license.

In July, the State Division of Motor Vehicles introduced their new computer software program, Municipal Agent Automated Program (MAAP). As with any new software, there was a learning curve but things seem to be running fairly smoothly.

The Town Clerk's office is regulated by many RSAs as well as the State Administrative Rules. These policies are for your protection. Privacy laws prohibit us from disclosing much information. In particular, only a person whose name is on a motor vehicle registration can be told anything about the registration.

The following is a list of town meetings and elections for the year 2006:

February 6, 2006 – School Ballot Determination Meeting

February 8, 2006 – Town Ballot Determination Meeting

March 14, 2006 – Town and School Election

September 12, 2006 - State Primary Election

November 7, 2006 - State General Election

Residents may register to vote at the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours or with the Checklist Supervisors when they are in session. These sessions are posted and notice given in the *Goffstown News*. Residents may also register to vote on election day in the appropriate polling district. Proof of residency is required in the form of photo identification, such as a New Hampshire driver's license, with the Goffstown address imprinted on it. Without such imprinted address, a second proof of residency will be required (i.e.— utility bill, lease agreement). Please remember to complete address change forms (available in the Town Clerk's office) even if you move within the Town of Goffstown. Your polling location may be affected by your move. Goffstown has two voting districts:

District 1 - Goffstown Area High School, 27 Wallace Road, Goffstown: Includes those residents living in the Goffstown Village area and the Grasmere area (from Route 114/114A intersection westerly to the Weare, New Boston and Dunbarton town lines and includes residents on the east side of the Piscataquog River.

District 5 - Bartlett Elementary School, 689 Mast Road, Pinardville: Includes residents from the Route 114/114A intersection to the Piscataquog River and easterly to the Manchester line.

State law mandates that all dogs over the age of four (4) months must be licensed annually. Dog licenses are effective May 1 to April 30 regardless of when the license is issued. Failure to comply results in a penalty of \$1.00 per month after May 31st and you may be subject to a \$25.00 unlicensed dog fine. A puppy needs to be registered as soon as it receives its first rabies shot. Dog registration fees are \$6.50 for a spayed/neutered animal, \$9.00 fee for unneutered pets. Residents must present a current rabies certificate and certificate of neutering (if applicable) in order for the Town Clerk to process a dog license. You may renew your dog's registration via mail. You must send a copy of the rabies certificate showing the rabies expiration date and rabies tag number. Be sure to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope and your check payable to the Town of Goffstown.

I would like to thank the election workers, Checklist Supervisors, Jerry Agate of SAU 19, Marc Tessier and the employees at the Public Works and Police Departments for all their help in assisting me with our election needs. A special thanks goes to Rosemary Garretson for providing office coverage for staff who are on vacation, at training, etc. Also, special thanks to Maryann Waldorf who has been volunteering in our office since April and keep our filing up-to-date.

The staff in the Town Clerk's office is here to help you in any way we can. Feel free to call us if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted

Donna A. Bergeron, Town Clerk

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

The Trustees saw a significant increase in the total portfolio balances during 2005. The largest of these increases resulted from the funds appropriated by various Warrant Articles approved by the voters in the municipal elections in March. These appropriations included additions to the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund and establishment of a Grasmere Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund.

A significant gift was received from the Sandra A. Ellison Trust, the first installment establishing a new scholarship fund for high school seniors who are residents of Goffstown. We appreciate each gift that is received and those who generously think of the town, its citizens and their future.

None of these gifts should go unrecognized nor should the generosity of past benefactors to our Town. Their kindness has made our lives and those of future generations that much richer. The Trustees of the Trust Funds wish to thank this year's benefactors for their kindness and thoughtfulness.

The Trustees would also like to express appreciation, although somewhat belatedly for the many years of service that Andrew Szerlog provided to the Trustees and the town. He and his wife relocated to Washington State in 2004. We also wish to thank George Collins for serving over the past year to fill out Andrew's remaining term.

During the year 2005 US Trust continued to provide financial planning services, as Agents for the Trustees of the Trust Funds per an agreement dated April 30, 1992. These services cover the largest portion of the funds under the custody of the Trustees. The Trustees believe that the agents at US Trust have positioned our current investment portfolio so that it will continue to generate a positive yield for the present and into the future. These assets are managed as a common pool of assets, then, allocated among the various funds.

The various capital reserve funds are maintained in separate accounts and are on deposit with the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool at MBIA Asset Management. The capital reserve funds are managed with a primary objective to preserve capital and at the same time generate a reasonable return.

The Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds, as represented on the following pages, details the various Trust Fund Accounts that were under the custody of the Trustees as of December 31, 2005.

Respectively submitted,
Kenneth Rose
Earl S. Carrel
George Collins

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS FOR THE TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN

Purpose of Fund	Date Established	Investment Type	BALANCE
			12/31/05
Conservation Grasmere Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund	12/15/2003	NH Public Deposit Invest Pool	\$244,692.36
	12/21/2005	NH Public Deposit Invest Pool	\$100,119.89
Total Capital Reserve Funds			\$344,812.25

Note 1 - An additional deposit of \$300,000 was received after year end from the Goffstown Area School District, Pursuant to the warrant article establishing a Capital Reserve Fund for renovations to the Bartlett Elementary School

THE GOFFSTOWN COMMON PRESERVATION TRUST

Purpose of Fund	DATE Established	Investment Type	BALANCE
			12/31/05
Preserve Town Common Areas	06/01/2001	Citizens Bank - Performance Inv	\$9,093.53

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
DECEMBER 31, 2005

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* Terms of benefit - 1/2 of income to be reduced to concessional annually

REPORT OF THE INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN, NH
DECEMBER 31, 2005

No of Shares/ Units	Description	Beginning Balance	Add/ Delete	Income/ Purchases	Expended/ Proceeds From Sales	Realized Gains/ Losses	Balance Year End
	Principal Account	83,034.45	75,120.00	29,340.37	44,870.70		232,165.52
	Cash/Cash Equivalents						
25,000	Chemical Bk NY NY 8.125% 11/01/08	23,012.75					23,012.75
15,000	Citicorp 7% 7/1/07	15,021.00					15,021.00
20,000	Fed. Home Ln Mtg. Corp. 5.75% 1/15/12	20,064.20					20,064.20
25,000	Fed. Home Ln Bks. 3.87% 2/12/2010	25,120.25					25,120.25
20,000	Fed. Nat'l Mtg Assn 5% 1/15/07	20,165.00					20,165.00
25,000	Mellon Bank 6.50% 8/1/2005	24,811.50			(25,000.00)	188.50	-
20,000	Motorola 5.8% 10/15/2008	-					-
30,000	New York Tel Co 6.25% 2/15/04	-					-
15,000	Proctor & Gamble 6.875% 9/15/09	14,846.70					14,846.70
25,000	Societe Generale 7.40% 6/1/06	24,837.75					24,837.75
20,000	So NE Tel 7% 8/15/05	20,315.20			(20,000.00)	(315.20)	0.00
200	Alltel Corp Com	10,871.00					10,871.00
180	Air Prods & Chems Inc.	9,293.40					9,293.40
69	AM Intl Group	-					-
150	Amgen Inc.	8,925.00					8,925.00
200	Anheuser Busch Cos Inc.	10,268.00			(9,290.61)	(977.39)	-
200	AOL Time Warner Inc.	-					-
400	AT&T	-			9,692.00		9,692.00
69	AT&T Wireless	-					-
200	Baker Hughes Inc Com	5,164.00					5,164.00
350	Baxter Intl	13,192.00					13,192.00
164	BP Amigo PLC - Sponsored ADR	5,736.25					5,736.25
350	Bristol Meyers	-					-
548	Cisco Sys. Inc.	5,754.85					5,754.85
189	Citigroup	5,225.06					5,225.06
100	Colgate Palmolive Co.	5,897.00					5,897.00
225	Dell Computer	4,743.00					4,743.00
300	E M C	4,353.00					4,353.00
300	Ecobat Inc.	5,222.00					5,222.00
125	Emerson Electric	7,938.44					7,938.44
225	Exxon Mobile	9,436.50					9,436.50
150	Firth Third Bancorp	6,943.75					6,943.75
150	FPL Group	4,728.75					4,728.75
250	General Elec Co	8,717.50					8,717.50
200	Genlex	6,025.00					6,025.00
300	Hewlett Packard	2,410.59					2,410.59
175	Home Depot	9,303.75					9,303.75
150	Ill Tool Works	3,007.50					3,007.50
100	IBM	3,261.56					3,261.56
150	Johnson & Johnson	8,164.50					8,164.50
150	Kimberly Clark	5,823.13					5,823.13
150	Kraft Foods, Inc.	4,698.00					4,698.00
125	Linear Technology	4,617.50			(4,544.17)	(73.33)	-
225	Medtronics	10,047.69					10,047.69
200	Microsoft	5,418.00					5,418.00
300	Midcap Spdr	33,645.00					33,645.00
125	Morgan Stanley	6,493.75					6,493.75
4	Neenan Paper Inc.	99.56			(118.89)	19.33	-
150	Northern Tr Corp Com	6,255.47					6,255.47
200	Pepsico	5,557.34					5,557.34
400	SBC Communications Inc.	9,692.00			(9,692.00)		-
300	Stryker	4,406.81					4,406.81
175	Sysco Corp	5,229.00					5,229.00
200	Target Corp	6,684.00					6,684.00
100	Unilever N V	-					-
100	UPS	5,488.25					5,488.25
400	US Bankcorp Del	10,848.00					10,848.00
150	Wal Mart Stores	7,181.00					7,181.00
200	Wells Fargo	4,622.50					4,622.50
225	Weight Watchers Intl Inc.	9,740.25					9,740.25
	Total Principal	582,358.45	75,120.00	29,340.37	(14,282.97)	(1,158.09)	671,377.76
	Income Account						
	Cash/Cash Equivalents	4,195.83					4,195.83
725	Ishares Lehman Agg Bond	75,229.00					75,229.00
725	Ishares Lehman Treasury	74,298.00					74,298.00
	Total Income	153,722.83	-	-	-	-	153,722.83
Total Investments		736,081.28	75,120.00	29,340.37	(14,282.97)	(1,158.09)	825,100.59

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT



Seated L-R: Daniel Cloutier, Chairman, John Caprio, Raymond Labore, Dennis Rechcygl. Standing L-R: Suzanne Tremblay, Phillip Kendall, Bill Gleeson, Gary Bernier, Eric Geissenhainer, Richard Fletcher. Absent: Vivian Blondeau, Peter Georgantas, Scott Gross, David Rowe, Jeffery Tate, Robert Wheeler, Selectman Rep.

The Goffstown Budget Committee consists of 16 members. Twelve members are elected for staggered three-year terms, and four members are appointed each year; one from each: the Board of Selectmen, the School Board, the Grasmere Village Water Precinct and the Goffstown Village Water Precinct.

The Budget Committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month to review monthly expenditures by the Town departments and the school district. During November, the Budget Committee divides into two sub-committees. The Town sub-committee meets with the department heads to review the Town budget requests for the following year. The school sub-committee meets with Goffstown School Board representatives for the same purpose. After a lengthy review process and deliberation sessions, each sub-committee recommends a proposed budget to the full Budget Committee in December. In January the Budget Committee conducts public hearings and makes recommendations for the Deliberative Sessions for both the Town Meeting and School District Meeting.

The major items considered this year were: increases in the Town and school budgets, and special articles for the major road plan and the GHS roof replacement. The Budget Committee's meetings are open to the public and we welcome your input during our public comment session.

Respectfully submitted,
John Caprio, Chairman

CABLE TELEVISION COMMUNITY ACCESS



Seated L-R: Andrea Card, Rosemary Garretson, Chairman, Dick Gagnon, GTV Coordinator, Standing L-R: Donald Gagnon, James Pingree, Patrick Tucker, Ryan Casey. Absent: Marie Boyle Photographer: Jim Bingham, Government Liaison,

Goffstown Public Access Television has weathered another year of converting to a digital format. All public meetings (Selectmen, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Budget Committee, ZBA) held in the Selectmen's Room and the Mildred Stark Room are now being transmitted live and recorded on DVD's for future airing. These DVD's may be borrowed from the Goffstown Public Library by any resident with a current Library card. New equipment has been installed for the recording of School Board meetings, which also will be aired and available at the Library.

Judith Pancoast has volunteered to be our Director of Educational Programming. Through her efforts we will have programming from NH Public TV, National Museum of Art and several other sources.

Some new programs by local residents have been produced and are airing as they are completed. A couple of these are "Learn to Paint" and "Quilting". More shows are in the works for next year. We are always looking for ideas and volunteers to assist with these shows. Anyone with an idea or desire to volunteer need only call the Coordinator at 497-5707.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Garretson, Chair

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

The Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Committee is a subcommittee of the Planning Board charged with creating a six-year projection of capital expenditures. Throughout the summer, when most people are relaxing and on vacation, the CIP Committee meets with town and school officials to review capital cost items in excess of \$25,000. We then make recommendations to the Planning Board that prioritize expenditures and provide stability. The purpose of the CIP Committee is as specified in RSA 674:6:

“The capital improvements program shall classify projects according to the urgency and need for realization and shall recommend a time sequence for their implementation. The program may also contain the estimated cost of each project and indicate probable operating and maintenance costs and probable revenues, if any, as well as existing sources of funds or the need for additional sources of funds for the implementation and operation of each project. The program shall ... take into account public facility needs indicated by the prospective development shown in the master plan of the municipality or as permitted by other municipal land use controls.”

In 2005, the voters approved a capital budget of \$6,007,746. The CIP is recommending a capital budget for 2006 of \$6,275,105 (subject to revision as the Capital Budget makes its way through the budget process). This represents an increase of 4.45%. Given an anticipated growth in tax base, this is close to a level funded capital budget. The CIP could not reduce the capital budget any more in 2006 because deferring expenditures would have had a detrimental effect in the years 2007-2011. Most of the items are necessary to meet the health and safety obligations of the town, commensurate with the Town's Master Plan. Others are expenditures that the voters had approved by ballot in concept, such as Rails to Trails and the Grasmere Town Hall. The CIP anticipates some costly expenditures in the next few years, and we continue to recommend additional commercial and industrial tax base to ease the tax burden. Some innovative thinking to keep costs down could also help. The 2007 and 2008 expenditures are projected at \$7,473,789 and \$6,882,922 respectively, and then the numbers ease off to the \$6 million range. Of course, changes can occur between now and then, but this gives an idea of what the voters may be facing in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Plett, Chairman

CEMETERY TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT



Members: Leon Konieczny, Linda Revnolds-Naughton. Absent: Jean Walker

This year the Goffstown Cemetery Trustees completed the Veterans Memorial Project at Westlawn Cemetery. Following installation of the fiberglass flagpole, stone and plaque, a cobblestone walkway, sod and shrubs were set in by the Department of Public Works. Many compliments were received from the public over the Memorial Day holiday. The Trustees are grateful to those who made this memorial possible through their donations to Perpetual Care beautification projects at Westlawn. A similar fund allowed the installation this fall of a flag at the entrance to Hillside Cemetery. The ongoing process of repairing broken monuments continued.

Following suggestions given by the Attorney General's Office at the New Hampshire Cemetery Trustees Annual Meeting in August, the Goffstown Cemetery Rules and Regulations were reviewed and revised where needed. Copies will continue to be available at the Town Hall.

Cooperation with the DPW again made care and improvement of the Goffstown cemeteries possible. The Trustees thank them and the general public who have been most cooperative in the positive changes occurring throughout all of the town's cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,
Leon Konieczny, Chairman

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



L to R: Mary Lavallee, Assessing Sec., Assessor Ron Mace, Building Inspector Ed Neveu, Sue Soule, Building Sec., Derek Horne, Zoning Code Enforcement Officer, Marilyn Hozney, Sewer Admin Assistant, Steve Griffin, Planning & Economic Development Coordinator
Patty Gale, Planning Asst.

Goffstown, in coordinating its land related planning, development and regulation activities, is now reporting them as a single activity under the title of community development. The Planning Office, the Code Enforcement Office and the Building/Health Inspection Office are included under this heading. The citizen boards are still listed separately, which includes the Economic Development Council, the Planning Board, and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

PLANNING OFFICE

In 2004, plan proposal activity dropped toward the 1998–1999 level, and remained fairly level in 2005. The table below shows the number of subdivision, site plan and conceptual plan applications submitted for Planning Board review each year:

Applications Reviewed by the Planning Board							
Type	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Subdivision	23	21	26	37	25	22	25
Site Plan	14	17	12	14	19	15	15
Conceptual	19	15	15	31	16	5	7
Total	56	53	53	82	60	42	47
% Change	+37%	-5%	0%	+55%	-27%	-30%	+12%

Of these 25 subdivisions in 2005, 20 were approved, representing 70 new single-family home lots and 28 multifamily condominium units. Given the absorption of lots for new homes, it had been estimated that the level of new

home construction in 2004 would drop to the 1999 level, which it did. Given this low level of building permits in 2004, compared to the number of residential lots created it was projected that building permits in 2005 might return to their 2002-2003 levels. This has not happened, however, and it now appears that new housing starts are not speculative, but only for lots that have actually been sold.

Single Family or Duplex Building Permits Issued						
1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
79	58	53	95	95	64	59

Notwithstanding this moderate level of construction, Goffstown continues to face the challenges of growth, particularly of increased residential development, as well as additional pressures on our roadways, due to the increasing development of our neighboring communities to the west and north.

In addition to plan reviews, the planning staff worked on a number of projects. (1) Staff continued to focus on the Route 114/114A corridor management plan, utilizing a Planning Board Committee and proposing a Tax Increment Finance district to fund portions of a secondary access road in order to protect South Mast Road’s traffic carrying capacity. (2) Work on the Master Plan Up-date continued in 2005, and is expected to be complete in several months. This plan, among other things, will look at how residential pressure might be abated in the more rural areas, while being more concentrated along the Mast Road corridor and in Goffstown’s multiple village centers. (3) Work on a plan for the Goffstown Village Center, in coordination with Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc. and also utilizing a Planning Board Committee, should be completed in the next few months.

The Planning office serves as staff to several boards and committees, including the Planning Board, Capital Improvements Program Committee, Economic Development Council and Technical Review Committee. All planning is coordinated with the Board of Selectmen and the Goffstown Main Street.

ZONING CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Zoning Code Enforcement Officer enforces the provisions of the zoning ordinance, as well as specific approval conditions attached to action taken by the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA), Planning Board, and Historic District Commission.

Investigations into possible zoning violations are largely complaint driven, although all violations observed are also investigated. Once notified of a

violation, the majority of property owners take corrective action to bring their property into compliance. In 2005, the ZBA heard 9 appeals resulting from enforcement actions, up from 6 in 2004. Zoning changes in March 2005 led to an increased number of questions from the public about changes to the table of permitted uses, table of dimensional requirements, and the newly created Commercial Industrial Flex Zone.

The Zoning Officer serves as staff to the ZBA; assisting applicants, preparing the Board's monthly agenda, and serving as a liaison between the public and the Board. The Zoning Officer reviews building permit applications to ensure zoning compliance, assists the Building Inspector/Health Officer, and performs such other duties as may be assigned.

BUILDING INSPECTION

We finished the year 2005 with 56 new dwelling units down from last year. We had no new commercial development and only one minor commercial alteration.

HEALTH OFFICER

WELL WATER: Residents whose drinking water is from a private well are urged to have their well water tested periodically to ensure any existing contaminants are at a safe level.

WEST NILE & EEE: West Nile virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis is getting more widespread every year in the area. These are mosquito borne viruses. Prevention is the greatest deterrent to the spread of the viruses. To help control the mosquito we need to observe the following:

- Drain standing water in your yard
- Drain swimming pools containing green algae and no longer in use.
- Remove vessels containing stagnant water, old tires, neglected birdbaths and other sources of containers that collect stagnant water. Remove anything that has the potential of becoming mosquito-breeding sites. For the public good, we all need to cooperate to make the town a safe place to live in.

Permit / Fee Source	2003		2004		2005	
	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value
New 1 and 2 - Family Units	95	57,847	64	22,641	59	22,028
Misc. Buildings Permits	733	25,156	799	27,209	798	37,476
New Commercial Permits	12	4,596	8	3,247	0	0
Misc. Commercial Permits	27	2,823	37	3,118	17	1,130
Child Care Inspection	3	120	9	385	8	285
Health Inspection	5	0	16	0	11	0
Junkyard Inspection	3	225	0	0	3	75
Mobile Home Inspection	2	200	0	0	4	400
Sign Permits	49	720	68	1,530	20	770
ZBA Applications	49	4,897	60	9,730	55	8,245
Planning Board Applications	-	57,057	-	20,589	-	19,497
Misc. Fees / Sales	-	1,263	-	1,266	-	1,155
TOTALS		\$154,904		\$89,715		\$91,061

Permit / Fee Source	2003		2004		2005	
	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value
School Impact Fees	91	322,225	45	158,636		166,114
Road Impact Fees	89	9,350	39	4,180		23,555
Recreational Impact Fees	-	0	2	2,000		20,620
TOTALS	-	\$331,575		\$164,816		\$210,289

Respectively submitted,
 Stephen B. Griffin, AICP
 Planning and Economic Development Coordinator

PLANNING BOARD

Goffstown continues to face the challenges of growth. Single-family residential development remains the dominant form of growth. There is also, however, demand for more affordable housing. At the same time, increasing sub-urbanization of our neighboring communities to the west and north adds to commuting traffic through Goffstown, further straining our road capacity. That increased traffic volume, in turn, attracts new commercial development along major road corridors.

The Planning Board plays three roles in addressing the Town's growth. First, looking at the near timeframe and taking up most of its meeting time, the Board reviews applications for subdivision and site plan approval

Second, the Board looks at long range planning issues to accommodate both the Town's growth and outside growth pressures. The Board's major planning activity in 2003 was the adoption of the Route 114 Corridor Management Study as an amendment to the town's Master Plan. In 2004, the zoning to achieve this corridor plan was proposed and adopted. As the 2005 step the Planning Board updated the remainder of the Master Plan. Building on the corridor study, the Board's revisions focused on how to preserve open space in the town's rural areas, balancing the denser development at its center.

At the same time the Board focused on neighborhood planning, developing more detail for Goffstown's Town Center, a plan that will shortly be completed. As with the corridor study and other efforts, the Planning Board utilized a subcommittee for assistance.

Third, the Board looks to budgeting and other financial techniques to implement its plans. For example, each year, the CIP Committee, a subcommittee of the planning board, prepares and the Board adopts a schedule of recommended capital improvements for the town. Additionally this year, the Board is proposing a tax-increment financing district and plan to implement physical changes within the Route 114 corridor. The Board is also involved in the updating of its impact fees that new development pays to offset the capital cost to the Town associated with that development.

The planning staff is available at the planning office to assist you with questions on land use and development. The Planning Board public hearings are typically held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, at 7:00 P.M., in the Town Hall. We welcome your attendance and participation.

Respectively submitted,
Richard Georgantas
Chairman

PLANNING BOARD TIF COMMITTEE

The Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Committee was an ad-hoc subcommittee of the Planning Board charged with creating a TIF district proposal for the 2006 Town Meeting. On April 14th, the Planning Board requested that the Economic Development Council accept the responsibility of preparing a TIF district implementation proposal, under RSA 162-K, for the Mast Road commercial-industrial flex zone district, and appointed William Wynne as its representative. The Council accepted this responsibility on April 26th.

As background, the Route 114/114A Corridor Management Plan, undertaken jointly by the Planning Board and the Economic Development Council, was adopted as an amendment to the Master Plan. The zoning for this plan, the Commercial Industrial Flex Zone district, was created and put in place by the 2005 Town Meeting. This plan also called for an interconnecting road on the south side of Mast Road, between Tatro Drive and Henry Bridge Road, some of which can be provided by new development projects. Some portions, however, are not likely to be achieved in this fashion.

This year, the Committee developed a proposed TIF plan for the development of this connecting road between properties that could not otherwise be achieved, and presented it to the Goffstown School District and to the Hillsborough County Commissioners. The Committee then reported their proposal to the Planning Board, which recommended it to the Board of Selectmen for consideration at the 2006 Town Meeting.

The TIF Committee, being an ad hoc committee with this single purpose that has now achieved, is hereby dissolved.

Respectively submitted,
Phil Tatro, Chairman

PLANNING BOARD

VILLAGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Village Planning Committee is an ad-hoc subcommittee of the Planning Board charged with creating a detailed village plan for Goffstown Village and a rezoning amendment proposal for a transition district between the Village Commercial and the R-1 residential districts. This committee included Main Street's Cynthia Boisvert and Cathy Ewing, Budget Committee's Victoria Gailinas, Economic Development Council's Phil Tatro, area resident Brian Nawoj, Selectman Bob Wheeler, Planning and Economic Development Coordinator Stephen Griffin, and was co-chaired by Planning Board members JoAnn Duffy and Lowell VonRuden.

The Committee met with the village's principal property owners and held a series of public workshops, in coordination with Main Street, to which all property and business owners and residents within the village area were invited.

The zoning proposal was completed and submitted to the Planning Board in August for the Planning Board's required hearing and decision process, leading to the 2006 Town Meeting.

A draft village plan proposal was also completed in August and is now being mapped. The Committee will further review this draft village plan in early 2006. Following its review, this proposal will be submitted to the Planning Board.

Respectively submitted,
JoAnn Duffy and Lowell VonRuden,
Joint Chairpersons

SOUTHERN N. H. PLANNING COMMISSION

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission has a wide range of services and resources available to help the dues-paying members deal with a variety of municipal issues. A professional staff provides technical assistance. The SNHPC staff's expertise is, when necessary, supplemented by consultants, who are selected for their specialized skills or services, provides technical assistance. Each year, with the approval of the Town's appointed representatives, the Commission staff designs and implements programs of area-wide significance that are mandated under New Hampshire and federal laws or regulations, as well as local projects which would pertain more exclusively to your community.

Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner by staff at the request of the Town's Planning and Economic Development Coordinator and/or the Town Administrator. The Commission conducts planning studies and carries out projects that are of common interest and benefit to all member communities, keeps your officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulation. Services that were performed for the Town of Goffstown during the past year are as follows:

- Co-Sponsored the Municipal Law Lecture Series. Goffstown officials attended these meetings.
- Provided comments on the Traffic Impact Study for the Catamount Ridge residential subdivision.
- Provided comments on a proposed industrial development (Pond View Park).
- Collected HPMS data for selected locations, as requested by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation.
- Conducted traffic counts at twenty-six (26) locations. Data was forwarded to the Planning and Economic Development Coordinator.
- Mapped all sewer and water lines for town.
- Conducted National Flood Insurance Program Community Assistance Visit with Planning, Zoning and Building Department staff on behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- Completed the Goffstown Hazard Mitigation Plan, The plan received final approval from FEMA, and was adopted by the Town Council on February 23, 2004.
- Hosted a NFIP Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map workshop, which was attended by the Town's Building Inspector and Zoning Officer.

Goffstown's Representatives to the Commission are:

Henry C. Boyle, Arthur W. Rose, Robert L. Wheeler, Executive Committee Member, Barbara J. Griffin, Alternate

CONSERVATION COMMISSION



Seated L-R, Vice-Chair David Nieman, Kimberly Peace, Ann-Marie Moran, Sec.

Standing L-R: Karen McRae, Chairman Evelyn Miller, Susan Tucker, Jim Bingham, Gov. Liaison, Lisa Yesse. Absent, Jean Walker, Selectman Barbara Griffin.

A main goal of the Conservation Commission is the protection of Goffstown's natural resources. Two items were placed on the ballot towards this goal. With the mapping of prime wetlands completed, the voters approved to provide maximum protection to approximately 26 wetlands within the Town limits. The voters also approved the placing of 50% of the current use exchange penalty tax into a land acquisition fund.

The Commission completed the Open Space Plan during the year 2005. This plan describes the town and its resources in written text and detailed maps. It gives guidelines to be followed for evaluating any given parcel of land that may be considered for some form of protection by the community. It also sets guidelines for establishing an open space committee and its responsibilities of evaluation, acquisition and stewardship of land. This committee has been working with several landowners who have expressed a desire to conserve their open space land through conservation easements. With the guidelines from the Open Space Plan, their properties are being evaluated for protection.

The Conservation Commission plays an active role in supporting the Planning Board. This past year we were requested to do over 40 site walks, review site development plans, and make comments and recommendations to the Planning Board. Your Conservation Commission Volunteers put a total of 280 man-hours into site walks and review sessions.

Finally, the town was fortunate to have two Eagle Scout projects this year, which entailed the development of a mini-park in Pinardville and a trail development and mapping on the mountain. Conservation Commission oversaw both projects.

As always, anyone interested in supporting the Conservation Commission's efforts to protect Goffstown's natural resources, please contact a volunteer Conservation Commissioner or leave your name at Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn Miller, Chairman
Conservation Commission

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



L-R, Chairman Philip Tatro, John Neville, Andre Gamache, Judith Desmeules, Selectman Robert Wheeler, Planning and Economic Development Coordinator, Steve Griffin, Absent: Vice Chair Albert Desruisseaux, Selectman Bruce Hunter, Bryan King, Richard Bruno, Colleen Sage , William Gordon, Henry Grady.

Goffstown Economic Development Council continues its work to foster the commercial and industrial development of the community, and to retain and strengthen its existing base. This year the council was pleased to see continuing infrastructure progress of the industrial park on the Goffstown Back Road at the Manchester line.

We continue to work on implementation of the Route 114/114A Corridor Management Plan, recommending actions such as zoning changes to allow more economic development opportunities along the Mast Road corridor. The corridor's zoning was brought to the 2005 Town Meeting and changed to a new commercial-industrial flex zone district. This year the Council has worked as a committee of the Planning Board to develop a tax increment financing proposal to fund capital infrastructure needs of the corridor, specifically, portions of a new road interconnecting commercial properties in order to minimize the number of Mast Road driveway connections.

In terms of other areas of the community, the Council has been involved with neighborhood planning for Goffstown's village center in order to highlight economic potential within this area.

The Council has also followed up its earlier business survey, staying in contact with existing businesses, their needs and expansion potential. In this vein, we have participated in the Greater Manchester Economic Development Roundtable, recognizing our place within the larger economic marketplace. This recognition has led to a review of Goffstown's relationship with the Manchester Transit Authority and the realization that tourism should play a larger role in Goffstown's economy as we move into 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip Tatro Sr., Chairman

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT



Seated L-R: Anthony Marts, Chairman, Marie Boyle.

Standing L-R, Gail Lebreque, Henry Grady, Julie Grandgeorge, Absent: Wayne Richardson, William Wynne.

The New Hampshire legislature provides that planning, zoning, and related regulations have been and should be the responsibility of municipal government. The zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations and related regulations are legislative tools used by the Town to meet the demands of an evolving and growing community, encourage the appropriate and wise use of land, and maintain public health, safety, and general welfare. The legislature requires that every zoning ordinance include provisions for the establishment of a zoning board of adjustment, to act as a “constitutional safety value”, ensuring the ordinance is applied equitably to all property.

The Town of Goffstown adopted the Zoning Ordinance on March 14, 1961 and the Goffstown Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) has since acted as the interpreter of the Ordinance, as well as a safety valve against overly strict application of the Ordinance. In that regard, it is established for the protection of private landowners and the community in a planning process, which is not an accurate science and is often in flux. The ZBA hears requests for variances, special exceptions, equitable waivers of dimensional requirements, and appeals from decisions made by the Code Enforcement Officer, the Planning Board, and the Historic District Commission as they relate to application of the Zoning Ordinance.

As New Hampshire has grown, and that growth has affected Goffstown, land use and zoning issues have become more complex. The ZBA is put in the position of attempting to apply the Zoning Ordinance as applicable state law allows, while balancing the perceived needs of and impacts on the community and abutters with the rights of landowners. Unfortunately, the Zoning Ordinance and State law that allow its enforcement do not often provide clear answers or any bright line test to determine which developments are allowed and which should be restricted. The ZBA strives to hear all sides and apply the law to each case.

On March 8, 2005, Goffstown voted to change from an appointed ZBA to an elected ZBA. Beginning in March 2006, the ZBA will transition to an elected board. As the terms of existing members expire, new members will be elected to three-year terms.

Special note should be made of Henry Grady, who has served on the ZBA since 1984, acting as the chairman from 1985-2001 and the vice-chairman from 2002-2004. In addition, Henry served 9 years as a Selectman, 7 years on the Budget Committee, 9 years on the Planning Board, 6 years on the School Board and 3 years as a Library Trustee. Henry's commitment to service, long-term perspective and historical understanding of Goffstown's development has been an invaluable service to the ZBA and the Town. Thank you, Henry. The ZBA meets at Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anthony Marts, Chairman

FIRE DEPARTMENT

On behalf of the employees of the Fire Department I am pleased to submit the 2005 Annual Town Report which highlights the accomplishments in each area of the department. Employees continue to provide the highest quality and level of service to the community and those who have performed above and beyond are identified.

All of us at the Fire Department would like to thank all of the Boards, Committees, and Town departments for their support throughout the year. We could not have made the strides that we have or provided the level of service that we have without this support.

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Administration continued to address many issues including: staffing, apparatus, equipment, policies & procedures, purchases, employee related issues, union / management issues.

During 2005 two pieces of apparatus were replaced to help provide services to the Town while providing the employees with modern state of the art apparatus. These vehicles have been received and placed into service and have made a positive impact on our ability to serve each of you.

Administration was and is still faced with several staffing issues that impact our ability to provide service to the community. The Department faced the reality that it had to close fire stations due to a lack of available qualified employees to cover all of the required positions at each of the Town's fire stations. We have worked hard to provide daytime staffing seven days a week at two of the Town's fire stations to continue fire and EMS services for the community. The Department, working with the Board of Selectmen, also instituted a Night Time EMS Coverage Program at one of the Town's three fire stations. This program was started in the last quarter of the year and has provided much needed "immediate response" to the community's EMS needs at night.

An issue that developed late in the year that had a significant effect on the organization and its employees was the proposed consolidation or merger of the Fire and Police Departments. The effects of this one issue on the Department and its employees required a significant amount of time from the Department's Administration to deal with this item internally.

Administration provides assistance to on-duty crews and provides Command level support at large scale incidents participates in the Covering Officer Program. Deputy Chief Mark Hurley and Secretary Brenda Barss continually demonstrated performance above and beyond their positions. Each of these employees was active in many projects and programs that were developed.

APPARATUS MAINTENANCE DIVISION

The Department addressed numerous apparatus maintenance issues. Work was completed on a number of pieces of apparatus within our fleet and two vehicles were replaced. In September 2005 we took possession of a new 2005 fire engine. This vehicle, assigned to the Pinardville Fire Station, has many modern features, which has improved our ability to provide service to the community while addressing a number of apparatus safety issues.

On September 1, 2005, one of the two ambulances was involved in a motor vehicle accident, which totally damaged the vehicle. During the time the Town was without the use of this ambulance the Town of New Boston kindly provided a loaner ambulance so we could continue to provide EMS services to the community. The Town replaced it with a new 2006 Road Rescue ambulance and placed it into service at the Village Fire Station.

Extensive work to address corrosion and damage related items was completed on Engine 1 and Engine 6. We also completed extensive work to the fire pump on Engine 1. The work that was completed on these vehicles has added additional service life to both of these vehicles.

Many thanks to Lieutenant Steve Roberts, Town Mechanic, Mark Urella, and the many apparatus venders and manufacturers that we deal with during the year.

CALL FORCE

During the year employees of the Call Force continued to provide fire and EMS services to the community. The employees of the Call Force served the community as follows:

- Call Force employees provided fire and EMS responses to the community between the hours of 6:00 PM and 6:00 AM, 365 nights during the year.
- Call Force employees provided on-duty station coverage on weekends and holidays.
- Available Call Force employees provided staffing at the East Goffstown fire station during the week.
- Several Call Force Officers participated in the Covering Officer Program.
- Members of Call Force also attend regular monthly fire and EMS training classes and periodic specialty training programs to maintain their skills.

Many thanks to the Call Force for responding to the needs of the community. Special thanks to the following employees of the Call Force that have continually gone above and beyond the normal requirements: Captain Mark Germana, Lieutenant Mark Lemay, Lieutenant Tom Nault, Lieutenant Mike Cloutier, Fire Fighter Ed Hannigan, Fire Fighter Lee Simons, Fire Fighter Mike Jubinville, Fire Fighter Lee Korthas and Fire Fighter Josh Charpentier.

Any resident that may be interested in becoming a member of the Call Force should contact either Deputy Chief Mark Hurley or Captain Steve Tower to obtain additional information.

COMMUNICATONS AND COMPUTERS:

Significant positive strides in the area of radio communications were made this past year. This provides a higher level of radio communications in all areas. These improvements result in a more reliable radio system and increase the safety of all employees.

In 2005 we received new interoperable mobile radios from the State of New Hampshire through a Federal grant. They were installed in all of the apparatus. We also purchased several mobile repeaters which have increased the effectiveness of our portable radios throughout the community. We also replaced a number of portable radios with newer more user-friendly radios.

The Department, working with the Town's Dispatch Center, replaced an old piece of equipment with a new computer-aided dispatch software program was also purchased for fire and EMS responses. This software program is the same system that was in use by the Dispatch Center for the Police Dept.

The Department purchased and placed into service a new computer bridge that tied the Fire Department and the Dispatch Center together. This new system allows the Fire Department to pick up information directly from the Dispatch Center's computer system.

We transferred our entire computer and computer software programs to the Information Technology Division. This move was made to reduce redundancy and to have one office responsible for the Town's computer systems. Lieutenant Battey has been instrumental in all the advances that have been made by the Fire Department in the areas of communications and computers.

EQUIPMENT:

The Fire Department was fortunate to be able to replace a number of pieces of equipment that had served its useful life. During the year the Department replaced the following items:

- Numerous sections of old and outdated fire hose.
- A number of old style nozzles and appliances.
- Several pieces of hand tools.
- Several Ice Rescue Suits
- Some Hazardous Materials Equipment

The Department was able to provide consistency of equipment items on most pieces of apparatus with these purchases, which enables employees to perform at a higher level in both training and in the field.

Many thanks to Deputy Chief Hurley, Captain Tower, Lieutenant Roberts and Lieutenant Battey for all the time and effort they spent evaluating various pieces of equipment to ensure the purchase of appropriate equipment.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) DIVISION:

The Town provides EMS using a mix of full time employees, call force employees, and part time employees. The Department initiated the first on-duty Night Time EMS Coverage Program. Recognizing the need to provide 24 “immediate response” to medical emergencies the Selectmen approved a 90 day trial program that staffed 1 fire station at night from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM with 2 EMTs on-duty. At the completion of the 90 day trial period it was determined that the program proved its effectiveness and was extended into 2006. Under this program the primary ambulance that provides “immediate response” EMS services to the Town at night comes out of the Pinardville Station with the second ambulance available from the Village Station using a “delayed response” system. Many thanks to all of the men and women who work so hard to provide quality EMS services for the community. The efforts of all of these employees have made a significant difference in the lives of many Goffstown citizens.

FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION:

The Fire Prevention Division completed the following activities:

ACTIVITY	2005	2004	Difference
Construction Related Inspections.	789	763	26
Life Safety Inspections.	357	284	73
Fire Prevention – Misc.	1,752	1,700	52
Permits	1,043	4,289	-348
Total	3,941	4,289	-348

Note: The total number of activities for 2005 was down due to a decreased in the number of fire permits that were issued by the Department during the year.

In addition to the above listed activities the Fire Prevention Officer was involved in many other areas and the community. These activities included:

- Working with all of the schools in the Town regarding fire safety and fire prevention activities.

- Attending various school safety committee meetings and taking part in various special events with these schools.
- Working with the local Cub Scout and Boy Scout groups.
- Assisting the on-duty shifts with emergency calls and supplementing on-duty staffing when needed.
- Attending Town Technical Review Committee Meetings.
- Attending Town Rails to Trails Meetings.
- Providing training to employees and the public.
- Attended various training programs locally and at the national level.
- Assisted the NH Oil Burner Technicians Association on the development and implementation of a new oil burner inspection check sheet.
- Participates in the Covering Officer Program.

Thanks to Lieutenant Bill Connor for all of his hard work, and for his assistance with the on-duty crews. A special thanks to Fire Fighter Reilly for assuming the duties of the Fire Prevention Officer during Lt. Conner's absence.

TRAINING DIVISION:

The Training Division provided a variety of training topics for all employees in the area of fire, EMS, hazardous materials, rescue, and fire prevention throughout the year. In addition to employee proficiency training several specialty-training programs were brought in to expand the employee skills and abilities. Specialty training programs included training in:

- Hazardous Materials
- Ice Rescue
- High and Low Angle Rescue
- Class A Fires

In addition to his primary duties as Training Officer, Captain Tower is also responsible for the Self-contained Breathing Apparatus Program, Rescue Tools, Hazardous Materials Equipment, EMS Division, and Grant Programs. When needed Captain Tower assists the on-duty shifts and participates in the Covering Officer Program. For his efforts and dedication Captain Tower received the Rotary Club Award for 2005 for Fire Department Employee of the Year.

RESPONSE AND ACTIVITY STATISTICS:

The Fire Department responded to the following calls for service in 2005.

Activity	2005	2004	Change
Fire	86	86	0
Overpressure, Rupture Explosion- no fire	3	1	2
Rescue & EMS incidents	1,043	1,061	18
Hazardous Conditions – no fire	75	70	5
Service Call	239	186	53
Good Intent	126	121	5
False Call	157	183	-26
Severe weather	8	1	7
Special Incident type	2	1	1
Total Incident Count	1,739	1,710	29

REPORT SUMMARY:

The Fire Department achieved a great deal last year. Employees actively participated in all areas and we continued to meet the needs of the community. Many improvements were made in the area of communications, apparatus, and municipal fire alarm system, but the greatest accomplishment was the start of Night Time EMS Coverage for the Town which provides “immediate response” to the community. Employees will continue to provide the highest level of fire and EMS response to the community in 2006. The support provided to the Department is a clear sign that the community appreciates and supports this level of service. I would like to thank all of the employees of the Fire Department and their families for all that they have given over the past year. Their dedication is strong and their commitment to the community even stronger.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Frank Carpentino
 Fire Chief

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

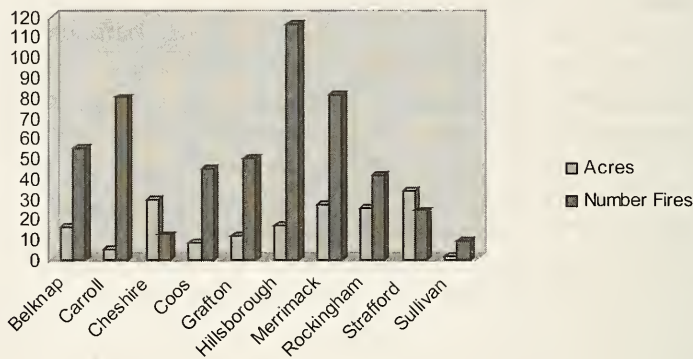
Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdf.org.

Fire activity was high during the first several weeks of the 2005 fire season, with red-flag conditions issued by the National Weather Service and extreme fire danger in the southern and central portions of the state. This period of increased initial attack activity prompted a 5-day ban on open burning, the first such ban in several years. Despite the dry conditions, the state's largest wildland fire was contained at 29 acres. Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping the fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Fires in the wildland urban interface damaged 10 structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2005 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 4, 2005)

FIRE ACTIVITY BY COUNTY



ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Campfire	34
Children	29
Smoking	40
Railroad	1
Equipment	7
Lightning	5
Misc.*	111

	Total Fires	Total Acres
2005	513	174
2004	482	147
2003	374	100
2002	540	187

(*Refers to: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

HISTORIC DISTRICT/ HERITAGE COMMISSION



L - R Seated: Elizabeth Dubrielle, Annie Vincent, Roberta Perkins.
L - R Standing: Charles Carr, Chairman Philip D'Avanza, Lionel Coulon.

The year 2005 has been a busy and fruitful year for the Goffstown Historic District Commission/Heritage Commission. The Commission finalized the structural work in preparation of the planned ADA compliant addition. The completed project came to \$20,551.75, which was approximately \$3,167 under budget. This was a matching funds grant with NH Division of Historic Resources covering 60% of the costs and the Grasmere Town Hall Restoration Fund covering 40%.

The Town of Goffstown was awarded a 2005 CLG grant from the NH Division of Historic Resources in the amount of \$11,608 for Goffstown's Main Street National Register Project.

The Commission has started working with a Youth Theater Group formed by the Goffstown Optimists Club's. The group meets at the Grasmere Town Hall and will utilize the stage and auditorium upon its restoration.

The Commission continued to watch over its three Historic Districts, Carr Court, Parker Station and Grasmere. There were no hearings held this past year regarding construction or demolition in either of the districts.

The Historic District Commission/Heritage Commission thanks the voters of Goffstown for their approval of the Grasmere Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund and continues on into 2006 with fundraising for the completion of The Grasmere Town Hall Restoration Project.

Respectfully submitted by,

Philip D'Avanza, Chairman
The Goffstown Historic District Commission/Heritage Commission

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION



*Front Row Seated L-R: Philip Tatro, Chairman Robert Draper, Susan Tucker.
Back Row L-R: Kurt Lauer, Dave French, Robert Wheeler, D. Michael McKinnon,
Jeffrey Tate, George Havener. Absent: Barbara Larken*

2005 was another busy year for the Parks & Recreation Department, with programs added for both youth and senior citizens and facilities upgraded at Barnard Park.

Our youth basketball leagues continue to be a success with games and practices meeting 7 days per week. Our Boys travel teams continued to flourish while competing in the Manchester Suburban League. Our Girls Softball program has continued to expand with an increase in participation. Our annual all-star game in our major league division for girls age 13-15 continues to be a success. Our Senior Citizen trips have continued to remain popular. Attendance at our pools increased by 5% over the previous year.

This year we completed our re-vitalization of Barnard Park. New playground equipment was added along with a new basketball court, tennis courts were re-constructed as well as a new parking lot; courtesy of the Department of Public Works and Continental Paving. We also added a new walkway and garden to the park, the park house and bathhouse were upgraded.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parks & Recreation Commission for their continued dedication to the community and support for the department and staff. I would like to acknowledge both Steven Paul and Anastasia Hurley for their fine work over the past year. I would also like to thank our summer staffs as well as our over 190 volunteer coaches in our programs. I would like to extend my appreciation to Bob Corson, Matt Corson and Dave Turner for coaching our travel basketball teams this season.

I would also like to extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator Sue Desruisseaux and the Town Hall Staff for their

cooperation and guidance as well as to several organizations for their support over the past year including; Men's 30 & over Basketball, Uncanoonuc Mountaineers, Tri-Town Soccer, Goffstown Jr. Baseball, Goffstown Babe Ruth Baseball, Tae Kwon Do Karate Club, Boy Scouts Troop #99, Goffstown Youth Football and the Main St. Program for all of their efforts working with us and the community.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the C.I.P. committee for their efforts in looking towards the future in Goffstown as well as the budget committee for their continued support. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the Goffstown School Board for their support in the use of school facilities for the community, as well as Dr. Lockwood and Athletic Director Howard Sobolov for their cooperation this year.

As always I want to thank the people of Goffstown who continue to support this department and participate in our program. Finally to my family for their continued support and understanding. We continue to look forward to serving the people of Goffstown.

Respectfully submitted,
David L. French, Director

FACILITIES

RECREATION CENTER:

Groups using the French Community Room: Karate, Gymnastics, Ballet, Jazz Dancing, Tap Dancing, Girls & Boys Basketball, Summer Programs, Special Events, Youth Sports Registration, G.Y.F.A., Library Ski & Skate Sale, Open Gym.

Groups using the Commissioners Room: Uncanoonuc Mountaineers Snowmobile Club, Goffstown Jr. Baseball, Goffstown Babe Ruth Baseball, G.Y.F.A., Early Years Playgroup, Quilting Class, Yoga

Skating Rink/Picnic Area Church St. Park

Skateboard Park: Located on Church St.; open dawn to dusk to skateboarders

Barnard Park

- John Brown Track & Field
- Tennis Courts (4)
- Stark Memorial Pool
- Playground Area
- Basketball Courts
- Outdoor Volleyball Area

Roy Park

- Tennis Courts (3)
- Softball/Baseball Field
- Basketball Court
- Playground Area
- Roy Memorial Pool

PROGRAM & PARTICIPATION LEVELS

Program	2002	2003	2004	2005
Activity period	94	94	100	94
Summer activity period	60	60	62	60
Aerobics	90	98	76	25
Arts & Crafts	289	291	293	291
Awards Night {5 times/yr.}	1,515	1,750	1,800	1,850
Ballet {3 times/week}	205	215	200	215
Ballet Recital	415	435	435	435
Basketball, Boys	238	266	266	272
Basketball, Boys Travel	37	26	26	26
Basketball, Girls	140	129	132	110
Basketball, Girls Travel	24	13	13	
Basketball, Instructional	45	45	58	37
Basketball, Mens	36	42	42	42
Basketball, Mens 30 & up	80	85	98	85
Basketball, Summer	20	15	12	15
Cheerleading	20	10		
Christmas in August	38	45	65	63
Clown Day	34	50	45	50
Concert in the Park {1}	310	285		180
Lunch in the Park	80	50	60	50
Easter in July	155	182	182	182
Family Skating Night	230	240	260	124
Field Trips {summer}	210	210	210	210
Field Day Barnard				
Field Day Roy				
Foul Shooting Contests	144	154	160	178
Goffstown Gallop	218	167	139	164
Great Pumpkin Hunt	225	225	225	225
Gymnastics	175	175	150	175
Halloween in July	90	90	78	90
Hiking, Fall	14			
Jazz Dancing	52	52	45	52
Karate	30	52	59	90
UNH Little Red Wagon				190
Mystery Trip	40	40	40	25
Open Gym	25	100	145	140

Pickle Ball Tourney			50	35
Scavenger Hunts		45	45	45
Tie Dye T-shirt Day	66	60	50	80
International Day	26	26	23	26
Senior Citizens Day	110	112	110	110
Senior Citizen Trips	80	100	100	45
Soccer	60	65	65	70
Softball, Girls {Major}	119	122	132	124
Softball, Girls {Minor}	128	128	138	128
Softball, Girls {Instructional}	40	42	48	70
Softball, Summer	178	178	180	197
Adult Softball League	48	48	50	48
Special Events, Summer	245	268	280	268
Yoga	40	40	48	40
Concert on the Common	165	170	170	
Swimming Lessons	398	402	385	402
Tennis Tournament	24	24	32	32
Tennis, youth	140	150	165	163
Track & Field	36	30	10	30
Volleyball, Adult	56	55	64	55
Lacrosse		45	75	85
Open Gym Recreation Center	55	70	160	70
Early Years Playgroup			15	35
Summer Show on the Common			160	175
TOTAL	7,609	8,069	7,582	7868

Pool Attendance:	2002	2003	2004
Barnard Pool	11,536	11,690	11,700
Roy Pool	6,467	6,853	6,340
Total	18,003	18,543	18,040

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The police department is a full-service 24-hour per day, seven day per week department that provides the initial primary response in most emergency situations. The department handled 18,479 calls for service during 2005. There were 3,063 criminal and motor vehicle arrests, an average of 8.3 per day. A listing of the more significant categories of calls and arrests can be found at the end of this report.

Incidences that are extremely labor intensive to investigate and prosecute showed significant increases during the year. Domestic violence situations increased by 18. Burglary cases reported increased by 18. Although the number of narcotics complaints dropped from 88 in 2004 to 76 in 2005, the severity of the cases, and its impact on the community have not. One case, initiated through the keen observations of a patrol officer, resulted in the arrest and conviction of three people and the forfeiture of approximately \$9,000.00 to the Town. In another case, the department has seized, and is applying for the forfeiture of, approximately \$2500.00 dollars in cash from alleged drug deals.

Calls involving the illegal possession of alcohol by minors, and other alcohol offenses have been reduced by 13 reported incidents from 171 in 2004 to 158 in 2005. This reduction can be attributed to the department's zero tolerance policy, as well as education efforts at the schools and with local merchants. Although this news is good, the arrests for Driving While Intoxicated once again showed a dramatic increase from 123 in 2004 to 152 in 2005.

Traffic crashes increased 667 in 2004 to 725 in 2005. The number of crashes with personal injury was reduced from 88 in 2004 to 73 in 2005. Tragically, there was one fatality in November involving a single vehicle and driver. Excessive speed appears to be the causation factor in this crash.

Personnel: After 15 years of dedicated service School Resource Officer Christopher Krajenka became the new Police Chief in the Town of New Boston. Officer Brian O'Leary was named the new School Resource Officer. Officer Rob Browne was promoted to Sergeant filling the vacancy in this classification created when Sergeant John Tuthill retired.

Sergeant David Moloney was awarded the department's life saving award for his response to a victim in cardiac arrest. Sergeant Moloney used the Automatic External Defibrillator that officers' carry in their cruisers to stabilize this victim until the arrival of EMS personnel. Special Officer Chris McRae was deployed with his unit to Iraq during the year. Chris returned from his tour in December.

Programs: The department continues its community policing initiatives, using a problem-solving model in a cooperative effort with individuals, schools, town departments, and community groups in an effort to deter and prevent incidents

before they occur. In its seventh year, the Citizen's Volunteer Program has been beneficial in assisting the department in its day-to-day operations. These trained volunteers assist the department by answering the business phones, filing, property management and witness coordination in the District Court.



Goffstown Police Dept. Citizen Volunteers

The department coordinated another successful Halloween Safety Day and a Public Service Safety Day at Hannaford's. The Public Safety Day gave citizens the opportunity to see demonstrations by Police, Fire, and Public Works, along with the Manchester Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The Police Department hosted its first open house in September. It is estimated that over 200 people attended this event. The open house provided members of the department the opportunity to showcase to the community the operations, facility and equipment. The CERT Team and members of Crispin House were also on hand passing out information and completing child identification cards.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Communications Center serves as a Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Dispatch for the Town. In addition, we provide after hours communications for the Goffstown Water Department and the Department of Public Works.

Also, on a contractual basis, we provide Emergency Services Dispatching for the Towns of New Boston and Weare. Goffstown realizes approximately \$46,886 in annual revenue from these contracts. Eight communications specialists and one supervisor provide coverage 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, to staff the Center. Over 24,000 calls for service are communicated from this division



each year, along with 81,000 telephone calls and 560,000 radio transmissions.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:



The Police Department is responsible for the Emergency Management function for the Town of Goffstown. Our mission is to coordinate and prepare the Town's emergency readiness and response capabilities in the event of a natural or man made disaster.

A town-wide drill to evaluate the emergency management plan, mutual aid responses, and incident command was conducted on March 11, 2005. This date was chosen to take advantage of possible adverse weather conditions that our region presents. The daylong event tested responses by all town departments, mutual aid and the school system. Over 1200 individuals participated in a scenario involving Weapons of Mass Destruction components.

This drill identified the positives and the not so positives of our overall plan, communication methods, personnel training, and equipment needs. On-going enhancements, modifications and training are occurring. Reimbursement through the State Bureau of Emergency Management was received in the amount of \$19,324.50.

Twelve more citizens completed initial Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training in cooperation with the NH Office of Emergency Management and the Goffstown Fire Department. There are now 27 specially trained civilians available to assist first responders in unusual circumstances. The CERT Team was activated twice during the year to assist with the potential flooding issues in October.



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the men and women of the Goffstown Police Department for their hard work, dedication, and sacrifice in service to the law enforcement and safety needs of the community. It is their dedication and professionalism, along with your cooperation and support that makes Goffstown a great place to live and work.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. French
Chief of Police

Visit the Police Department's web page at www.goffstown.com for program postings and services.

GOFFSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

STATISTICS

JANUARY 1, 2005 - DECEMBER 31, 2005

CRIMES AGAINST PERSON

ABUSE / NEGLECT	<u>16</u>
ALCOHOL	<u>158</u>
ASSAULTS	<u>188</u>
CRIMINAL THREATS	<u>59</u>
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	<u>157</u>
HOMICIDE	<u>1</u>
JUVENILE OFFENSES	<u>168</u>
DRUG OFFENSES	<u>60</u>
ROBBERY	<u>2</u>

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY / OTHER

ALARMS	<u>738</u>
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	<u>405</u>
ARSON	<u>1</u>
BURGLARY	<u>54</u>
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	<u>88</u>
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	<u>380</u>
FRAUD	<u>84</u>
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	<u>315</u>
HAZARDS	<u>252</u>
LARCENY	<u>368</u>
PROPERTY - LOST / FOUND	<u>272</u>
SUSPICIOUS PERSONS	<u>163</u>
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES	<u>208</u>
TOTAL ADULT ARRESTS	<u>731</u>
TOTAL JUVENILE ARRESTS	<u>104</u>

MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY / OFFENSES

DWI	<u>152</u>
SPEED	<u>2,023</u>
DRIVE AFTER SUSPENSION / REVOCATION	<u>53</u>
SUMMONS / WARNINGS ISSUED	<u>3,902</u>

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

<u>ACCIDENTS WITH INJURY</u>	<u>73</u>
<u>ACCIDENTS - FATALITIES</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY</u>	<u>8,081</u>

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE 2005

18,479

PUBLIC LIBRARY



Seated L-R: Susan Plante, George Fullerton, Chairman, Director Dianne Hathaway, Susan Osborn,

Standing L-R: Steve Viggiano, Henry Boyle, Steve Brzozowski. Absent: Barbara Griffin.

It has been a whirlwind year for the Goffstown Public Library as we stretched ourselves in unimaginable ways with The Vietnam Moving Wall project. Pair that with the start of a lengthy strategic planning phase and we had one busy year.

The Vietnam Moving Wall: The highlight of our year was the hosting of The Vietnam Moving Wall at Goffstown High School July 9 to 16 and the many veterans we had the honor of meeting. This community project took two years of planning and implementation (mostly by Sandy Whipple), hundreds of volunteers that included children, business people, town employees, the elderly and everyone in between. Our community stepped right up to the plate and provided 24-hour volunteer coverage for the entire week, the funding to transport The Wall, lots of homemade cookies and brownies, three meals a day for all our volunteers and the emotional support for every one of us. We will never forget the 58,228 names as read aloud by children, adults, and veterans in uniform day and night until completed. Nor will we forget the tears, the ceremonies to honor all veterans, Taps at 8:00 p.m. every evening and the continued healing of many hearts.

Homebound Service: In 2005 we kicked off our long-awaited Homebound Service that provides library materials to those who physically cannot visit the library themselves. This might be because of an illness or disability, the inability to drive or advanced age. Our staff visits the person with a selection of items based on his or her personal request of books, audio, even magazines. Sharon

Archambault does a terrific job, keeping track of those people and their individual needs and wants and truly provides a personal touch.

We're a Hot Spot: This year we implemented a public wireless network so people can visit the library with their wireless laptops and access the Internet and our library catalog and databases. The cost for this network was minimal since we already have network cables running throughout the building; just two more access points and one router and we were there! Since we have no additional space for PCs in this building we're running a private wireless network for staff laptops and the second one for the public. So far the response has been positive regarding the ease of use, speed and efficiency.

Strategic Planning: In fall 2005 we began a process to plan for the future of the Goffstown Public Library. A committee is working together to hold focus groups for library users and nonusers alike, plan community forums to hear what people want from us, and to make plans for future growth and a response to identified needs. Our committee is open to anyone interested in working with the library staff and Library Board of Trustees.

Again, many thanks to our "A+" community for stepping right up to the plate with The Vietnam Moving Wall project. You all made us proud in front of the news media and visitors from around New England during that special week. Thank you to our GREAT staff: Sharon Archambault, Angelo Camberis, Debra Durant, Jessica D'Avanza, Grace Del Carpio, Erika Hamel, Nick Levesque, Diane Lewis, Marsha McKay, Molly Poole, Barbara Schuler, Jessica Stevens, Steve Viggiano and Sandy Whipple.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dianne G. Hathaway
Library Director



VIETNAM MOVING WALL

GOFFSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

TRUSTEES REPORT

January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005

REVENUES

Fines	\$ 4,035.44
Interest	116.43
Fundraising	12,835.68
Dividends	21,338.23
Other Revenue:	
Reimbursement	56.40
Grants	526.80
Gifts/Donations	.00
Miscellaneous‡	<u>1,668.87</u>

Total Revenue	\$40,584.71
Net Income	\$28,508.30

EXPENSES

Books/Subscript	
Other Expenses:	\$4,000.00
Programs	1,197.57
Vietnam	
Moving Wall	<u>6,878.84</u>

Total Expense	\$12,076.41
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‡Miscellaneous:
Fees collected for
Library cards,
Lost Books

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

As always, the Department of Public Works had a very busy year with the many projects that we completed. Like everyone at home we had to contend with spiraling price increases. The work we normally do for the Road Plan was significantly impacted by the rising cost of petroleum products. Though our local contractors did a great job of helping us keep those impacts low they did have an overall affect. In the past 18 months we have seen diesel fuel prices more than double. This impacts the cost to run our own equipment, contractors' cost to run equipment, prices on pipe and asphalt prices. The price of steel also went up considerably, affecting new equipment prices as well as things like manhole covers and spare parts. To combat these escalating costs and still provide the progress on our Road Plan we did more work last year in-house. With the excavator that we rented (which we hope to purchase in 2006) we were able to complete in-house reclamation work on Goldfinch, Stephens Drive and Helen Circle saving the community hundreds of thousands of dollars. We also contracted out the reclamation work on High Street and the remainder of Tirrell Hill Road. The work that was planned for Henry Bridge Road was put off until next year to be done with the other bridges on Mountain Road. It seemed to make more sense to do all of the small bridges together in one project. The NHDOT, who is contributing 80% towards to project costs, concurred with us. With us doing more of the in-house reclamation work we have appreciated people's patience with some of the on-going smaller maintenance issues.

We also did some community improvement work this year. We were able to assist the Parks and Recreation Department with their reconstruction of Barnard Park. We also did some sidewalk improvements to assist the Rotary Club with the construction of their Centennial Park in Pinardville and we did a lot of work on the Town Hall re-Landscaping project.

In Solid Waste we continued to see the success of our Single Stream Program grow. Other communities have expressed interest as well. The newest program in solid waste was the implementation of our new Household Hazardous Waste Program. It is the first program in the state to allow residents to deliver their materials directly to the Transfer Station by appointment. We bulk the materials in a secure facility and dispose of full loads when we get them. Not only is this much more efficient but it also allows residents greater access to properly dispose of hazardous items without having to wait for the once per year collection. We have also begun electronics recycling. More detailed information is available in the Solid Waste Commission Report.

Once again, the closed landfill in Pinardville required significant attention. During the heavy flooding rains in October we had a large drainage pipe fail which lead to a slope failure. We were able to do the majority of the repairs in-house with our own labor force. We are hopeful that we will be able to recover a significant portion of our costs through FEMA reimbursement.

Last but not least, we were able to reach an agreement with the Teamsters on a new contract through labor negotiations this year. If approved at Town Meeting, it will provide us with five more contract years. Once again, I consider myself blessed to have such a talented pool of associates to help me provide a quality level of service to the community. I would like to thank the employees in the department as well as the Board of Selectmen for all of their support through some trying times.

Submitted By,
Carl L. Quiram, P.E.
Director

SOLID WASTE COMMISSION

Former Commission Chair Frank Leffman reluctantly submitted his resignation in March, due to a move to Florida. Frank served as a member, and chair, for several years, and will be sorely missed. It was during his tenure that the single stream recycling program got started – a major improvement in the processing of solid waste.

In June, changes were recommended by the Commission to the Selectmen, and approved. These changes allow for increased service to Goffstown citizens by replacing the annual household hazardous waste day with a new system. Effective July 1, 2005, any resident can set up a convenient appointment with the DPW. There is a fee schedule for this service, essentially unchanged from the former annual collection fees. About 75 households have taken advantage of this new system to date, and it is anticipated that over 100 will participate by year's end.

Last year, Goffstown became the host community for a Northeast Resource Recovery program whereby several surrounding towns bring glass to our transfer station. All communities pick up the cost of the program based on the glass they

bring. Goffstown crushes the glass, keeps it, and uses it as roadbed aggregate. This saves us money by reducing the amount of gravel the town would otherwise be obligated to buy. We processed over 1,000 tons of glass in 2005.

Since inception of the single-stream recycling program, the amount of solid waste diverted from the total waste stream to recycling increased from 17%, under the old program, to about 27% today. The single-stream recycling program was designed to pay for itself with no increase in recycling percentage, so the 10% increase represents an additional savings in annual operating costs of about \$30,000. The 10% increase is about an additional 750 tons of waste that is recycled rather than disposed. The town saves about \$40 per ton for each ton recycled given the current contract conditions, and the savings are expected to grow over time. Although the 10% increase is laudable, it falls far short of what could be achieved. Some residents are recycling most of their waste stream, leaving little in the trash totes. Other residents aren't recycling at all, or are making a token effort. The ordinance does allow cessation of trash pickup if residents do not participate in the mandatory recycling program. Over the course of the next year, the Commission will explore additional educational opportunities to encourage recycling, and then will explore some "get tough" initiatives for those who have not yet caught the recycling vision.



Single Stream Recycling Truck and Collection Center Building

GOFFSTOWN SEWER COMMISSION



Seated L-R: Administrative Assistant Marilyn Hozeny, Chairman James Bouchard, Paul LaPerle, Standing L-R: Selectman Bruce Hunter, Mike Yergeau and Mike Walton. Absent: Stephen Crean

A Wastewater Facility Plan upgrade contract was signed with Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc. The contract includes a review of the current system; financial assessment (debt retirement, quarterly charges, accessibility fee) and the Sewer Use Ordinance.

A second public hearing was held at the Bartlett School in June to discuss the expansion of municipal wastewater and water into Lynchville Park, Danis Park and Morgan Estates. The project, originally scheduled in the Capital Improvement Projects for 2006, is on "hold" pending further investigation of the availability of Federal and or State Grant Funding. The Sewer Commission and the DPW have jointly undertaken several projects to repair and or replace wastewater lines and to separate drainage from the wastewater system. The overall effect will be to reduce the amount of inflow/infiltration into the wastewater system.

Two residential projects were presented to the Commission for review - Sandy Height and Woodland Village & Commons. This past year twenty-two new properties have been added to the system bringing the total users to 1,996. The Commission will continue to strive towards meeting the Town's needs and those desiring to connect to the municipal system at the Town Hall. Individuals requesting to be on the agenda should contact the Sewer Commission's office at (603) 497-8992 Extension 116 to schedule an appointment.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen R. Crean, Chairman

ADMINISTRATION	2004 BUDGET	2004 ACTUAL*	2005 BUDGET
SALARIES / BENEFITS	63,778.00	63,958.94	67,952.00
EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT	200.00	18.00	200.00
AUDIT	5,700.00	5,700.00	4,700.00
LEGAL EXPENSE	10,000.00	3,714.64	10,000.00
CONTRACTED SVCS (ADMIN)	5,568.00	5,301.93	6,035.00
INSURANCE	8,037.00	3,141.23	8,518.00
POSTAGE	3,700.00	3,303.92	3,760.00
SUPPLIES	1,416.00	1,063.82	1,340.00
COMPUTER	2,143.00	642.96	2,183.00
TELECOMMUNICATION	1,608.00	999.96	600.00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
INTEREST	166,163.00	165,886.26	136,279.00
PRINCIPLE	490,000.00	490,000.00	365,000.00
SUB TOTAL	760,313.00	743,731.66	608,567.00
SEWER OPERATIONS			
CONTRACT SVCS (DPW)	93,500.00	55,726.41	85,000.00
SEWER PROJECT	0.00	0.00	90,000.00
TRUCK EQUIPMENT/REPAIR	46,000.00	29,853.69	3,000.00
PERSONNEL EQUIP	3,600.00	210.76	3,000.00
MAINTANENCE / SUPPLY +ENCUMBRANCE	682,799.00	417,795.51	516,920.00
MNTNCE/LABOR (VAC)	5,000.00	2,735.65	5,000.00
SEWER OPERATION (O&M CHRG)	442,270.00	361,032.37	714,197.00
SUB TOTAL	1,273,169.00	867,354.39	1,417,117.00
SEWERAGE / PUMP STATION			
CONTRACTED SERVICES	5,000.00	3,329.33	5,000.00
SUPPLIES	11,200.00	2,603.14	11,200.00
ELECTRICITY	19,000.00	14,861.15	19,000.00
PROPANE GAS	1,818.00	1,427.31	1,818.00
WATER	500.00	370.54	500.00
TELEPHONE ALARM SYS	4,000.00	2,771.55	4,000.00
SOLID WASTE REMOVAL	6,000.00	0.00	0.00
CHEMICALS	1,000.00	303.52	1,000.00
DIESEL FUEL	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
PUMP REPAIRS	20,000.00	15,974.44	25,000.00
SUB TOTAL	72,518.00	41,640.98	71,518.00
TOTAL	2,106,000.00	1,652,727.03	2,097,202.00
*UNAUDITED			

GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT



The New Goffstown Water Precinct Building

Our 2005 schedule involved many projects that provide benefits to our Customers. Protection of our “Watershed” ranks high on our list. Rules and Regulations were reviewed and updated for protection of Whittlebrook, the reservoirs and other system components. A new standby electric generator was installed at the well field for emergency use. The water systems at Glenview and Mountain Laurel Estates required service and adjustments as the equipment now in place becomes familiar. An ultra violet light system was also installed to inhibit bacteria growth after some relatively harmless bacteria was found in one location.

The biggest problem by far was the creation of a new office and storage garage on our land at 183 No. Mast Street. This project involved everyone on staff, and all Commissioners throughout the entire process of planning and design. Much volunteer work was done to keep the cost down. It will serve our customers and staff for a long time.

2005 WARRANT

FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 21, 2005

To the inhabitants of the Goffstown Village Precinct qualified to vote on Precinct affairs. You are hereby notified to meet at the Goffstown Town Hall in said Goffstown, in said Precinct, on Monday, March 21, 2004, at 7:00 in the evening to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE I

To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, including a Moderator and Clerk.

ARTICLE II

To elect one (1) member to the Board of Commissioners for a term of five (5) years

ARTICLE III

To see if the Precinct will vote to accept the report of the Board of Water Commissioners to appropriate the sum of Six Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred Thirty-six Dollars for the ensuing year.

(Approved by the Board of Commissioners)

ARTICLE IV

To see if the Precinct will vote to appropriate Two Hundred Thousand Dollars from undesignated fund balance to construct an office building on No. Mast Street on a parcel of land already owned by the Precinct. (This amount not included in Budget amount in Article III)(Approved by the Board of Commissioners)

ARTICLE V

To hear the reports of the various officers of the Precinct and to pass any vote relative thereto.

ARTICLE VI

To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 4th day of January 2005.

Richard Fletcher, 2009
Raymond Taber, 2006
Henry Boyle, 2008

Allen Gamans, Jr., 2005
Richard Coughlin, 2007

Goffstown Village Water Precinct

Revenue:

	2005 Budget	YTD 2005 as of 12/31/05 (unaudited)	2006 Budget
Water Charge	\$ 461,724	\$ 463,315	\$ 461,724
Meter Water	308,654	300,938	308,654
Flat Rate	100,000	108,654	100,000
Hydrant Rental	53,070	53,723	53,070
Other	\$ 85,198	\$ 87,797	\$ 63,790
Booster Station	4,500	2,980	4,500
Thawing	350	100	350
Forestry	20,000	25,416	0
Hyd Water	2,900	2,744	2,900
New Services	7,700	1,700	8,000
On/Off	300	395	300
Service Repair	2,000	326	2,000
Meter Repair	40	105	40
Ins. Refund	200	0	0
Mtn. Laural Water	18,000	21,008	18,000
Engineering - escrow	0	0	0
Mtn. Laural Septic	26,400	27,578	26,400
Bond Int. ref.	2,308	2,307	0
Pools	300	635	300
Misc.	200	2,503	1,000
Engineering - escrow	0	0	0
SAVING INTEREST	4,000	10,522	9,000
SHARED REEVENUE	28,317	28,318	27,274
SUBTOTAL	579,239	589,952	561,788
Savings Transfer	246,397	159,483	48,000
Cap. Res. Vehicle Fund	0	0	0
TOTAL:	\$ 825,636	\$ 749,435	\$ 609,788

Goffstown Village Precinct

Expenditures:	Budget 2005	2005 YTD (Unaudited)	Budget 2006
<u>EXECUTIVE</u>	\$92,400.00	\$98,403.00	\$108,000.00
Salaries	\$92,400.00	\$98,403.00	\$108,000.00
<u>FIN. ADM.</u>	\$5,060.00	\$3,721.00	\$5,160.00
Audit	\$1,650.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,750.00
Bus. Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$1,843.00	\$2,000.00
Office Equip.	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Personnel Supp.	\$350.00	\$118.00	\$350.00
Safe Box	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
<u>PERSONNEL ADM.</u>	\$44,062.00	\$45,447.00	\$55,122.00
Fica	\$7,070.00	\$8,098.00	\$8,262.00
Health Ins.	\$31,662.00	\$32,204.00	\$41,330.00
W/C Ins.	\$1,300.00	\$1,271.00	\$1,500.00
Retir. Fund	\$4,000.00	\$3,860.00	\$4,000.00
Unemp. Ins.	\$30.00	\$14.00	\$30.00
<u>BUILDING MAINT.</u>	\$1,300.00	\$168.00	\$1,300.00
Office Repairs	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Fitr. Bldg.	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Well Bldg.	\$300.00	\$168.00	\$300.00
Tank	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
<u>INSURANCE</u>	\$3,200.00	\$2,944.00	\$3,200.00
Liab./Prop. Veh	\$3,000.00	\$2,744.00	\$3,000.00
Bond Ins.	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
<u>LEGAL</u>	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
<u>ADV/REG. ASSOC.</u>	\$1,800.00	\$1,691.00	\$1,750.00
Advertising	\$700.00	\$221.00	\$500.00
Assns. Fees	\$350.00	\$770.00	\$500.00
License Fees	\$250.00	\$400.00	\$250.00
Meeting Exp.	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
<u>OTHER GEN. GOVT.</u>	\$25,500.00	\$23,734.00	\$16,300.00
Vehicle Exp.	\$2,500.00	\$3,112.00	\$3,500.00
Office Heat & ELEC.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Rent	\$7,000.00	\$6,875.00	\$0.00
Tel/Comm.	\$4,500.00	\$4,238.00	\$4,500.00
Postage	\$2,700.00	\$229.00	\$2,700.00
Forestry	\$7,000.00	\$6,615.00	\$0.00
Eng.	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Comp. Support	\$1,000.00	\$595.00	\$600.00

<u>WATER SERVICES</u>	\$34,700.00	\$20,575.00	\$34,700.00
Contract Labor	\$6,000.00	\$2,388.00	\$6,000.00
Hudrant Repairs	\$3,000.00	\$5,431.00	\$3,000.00
Dam Repairs	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Service Repairs	\$5,000.00	\$9,062.00	\$5,000.00
Main Repairs	\$14,700.00	\$874.00	\$14,700.00
Meter Repairs	\$200.00	\$31.00	\$200.00
Pump Repairs	\$1,500.00	\$2,203.00	\$1,500.00
Equip. Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$586.00	\$1,000.00
Road Repairs	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
New Services	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Thawing	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
<u>WATER TREATMENT</u>	\$65,800.00	\$58,313.00	\$65,100.00
Chemicals	\$12,000.00	\$8,183.00	\$12,000.00
Electric	\$23,000.00	\$18,846.00	\$23,000.00
Heat	\$4,000.00	\$4,435.00	\$4,000.00
Glenview	\$3,600.00	\$10,587.00	\$3,600.00
Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$1,173.00	\$3,000.00
Water Tests	\$4,500.00	\$2,243.00	\$4,500.00
Mt. Laurel Water	\$15,700.00	\$12,846.00	\$15,700.00
<u>SEWAGE</u>	\$13,050.00	\$10,100.00	\$13,000.00
<u>DEBT SERV.</u>	\$95,970.00	\$95,970.00	\$92,820.00
#2 Bond Princ.	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
#1 Bond Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
#2 Bond Interest	\$35,970.00	\$35,970.00	\$32,820.00
<u>LAND & IMPROV.</u>	\$215,944.00	\$191,745.00	\$188,486.00
Contingency Fund	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Cap Replace.	\$35,000.00	\$29,228.00	\$10,000.00
Upgrade Main / SYS.	\$170,944.00	\$162,517.00	\$168,486.00
<u>MACH./EQUIP.</u>	\$7,000.00	\$2,311.00	\$5,000.00
House Meters	\$4,000.00	\$850.00	\$2,000.00
New Equip.	\$3,000.00	\$1,461.00	\$3,000.00
<u>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</u>		\$0.00	
To Cap. Res. Fund	\$18,350.00	\$18,350.00	\$18,350.00
Mt. Laurel Septic	\$13,350.00	\$13,350.00	\$13,350.00
Vehicle	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$625,636.00	\$573,472.00	\$609,788.00
Warrant Article/ Office Building	\$200,000.00	\$175,963.00	\$24,037.00
	\$825,636.00	\$749,435.00	

GRASMERE VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2005

The Grasmere Village Water Precinct had a fairly quiet year. Chairman, Arthur Rose, moved out of the Precinct and resigned as Chairman. Peter Georgantas assumed the Chairman's duties.

The Mast Road water main upgrade did not proceed this year due to lack of adequate funding. This project will be brought forth at the Precinct's Annual Meeting in March.

Should Greystone Development's proposed project receive approval from the Town, the Precinct has made an agreement with them to extend the water main on Goffstown Back Road and up Tirrell Hill Road. This would be done at no cost to the Precinct.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Georgantas, Chairman
Grasmere Village Water Precinct

2006 WARRANT

THE GRASMERE VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT

To the members of the Grasmere Village Water Precinct in the Town of Goffstown, in the County of Hillsborough, in the State of New Hampshire; you are hereby notified to meet in the Grasmere Grange Town Hall in the Village of Grasmere at seven p.m. (7:00 p.m.) o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, March 22, 2006 to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1

To choose a Commissioner for three years; 2006, 2007 and 2008

ARTICLE 2

To choose a Moderator for the years 2006 and 2007

ARTICLE 3

To choose a Clerk for the years 2006 and 2007

ARTICLE 4

To choose a Treasurer for the years 2006 and 2007

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Precinct will vote to approve the budget as proposed by the Commissioners and approved by the Town Budget Committee to appropriate the sum of three hundred six thousand and fifty-nine dollars (\$306,059.00) for the ensuing year of which one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) comes from fund balance transfer.

ARTICLE 6

To hear the reports of the treasurer and clerk for the year 2005

ARTICLE 7

To act upon any unfinished business from the previous meeting

ARTICLE 8

To discuss and act upon any other business, which may rightfully come before said meeting.

This is the Precinct's annual meeting and it is hoped that all members of the Grasmere Village Water Precinct will attend and support the Precinct.

Peter Georgantas
 William Swanson
 Christine Daniels
 Commissioners of the Grasmere Village Water Precinct

Given on this Twelfth (12) day of January, 2006, under our hands:

Peter Georgantas
 William Swanson
 Christine Daniels

Grasmere Water Precinct REVENUE

	2005 BUDGET	2005 REVENUE	2006 BUDGET
WATER CHARGE	\$140,100	\$122,186	\$146,959
BASE	\$122,500	\$105,376	\$129,949
FIRE PROTECTION		\$960	\$960
HYDRANT RENTAL	\$16,100	\$15,750	\$15,750
MISC.	\$1,500	\$100	\$300
OTHER	\$4,700	\$250	\$4,300
HYDRANT REPAIR	\$800		\$800
SERVICE REPAIR	\$200	\$250	\$200
ON/OFF	\$100		\$100
NEW SERVICE	\$3,000		\$3,000
METER REPAIR	\$600		\$200
SERVICE CONTRACT	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$4,800
INTEREST	\$250		
SUB TOTAL	\$149,850	\$127,236	\$156,059
 TRANSFER FROM			
Fund Balance	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$150,000
TOTAL	\$269,850	\$247,236	\$306,059

Grasmere Water Precinct

EXPENDITURES:	2005 BUDGET	2005 EXPENSES	2006 BUDGET
EXECUTIVE	\$10,800.00	\$10,800.00	\$33,500.00
Salaries	\$10,800.00	\$10,800.00	\$33,500.00
FIN. ADMIN	\$2,100.00	\$1,866.22	\$1,820.00
Audit	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Office Supplies	\$600.00	\$204.22	\$400.00
Postage	\$350.00	\$592.00	\$350.00
Post Office Box	\$150.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$200.00		\$200.00
INSURANCE	\$1,000.00	\$699.88	\$1,000.00
Liability/Property	\$1,000.00	\$699.88	\$1,000.00
LEGAL	\$1,500.00	\$710.13	\$1,000.00
ADV./REG. ASSOC.	\$1,000.00	\$270.00	\$500.00
Training	\$500.00	\$110.00	\$250.00
Ass. Fee	\$500.00	\$160.00	\$250.00
OTHER GEN'l GOV	\$3,400.00	\$3,334.80	\$3,200.00
Telephone/Electric	\$3,400.00	\$3,334.80	\$3,200.00
WATER SERVICES	\$119,850.00	\$97,476.60	\$104,839.00
Manch. Waterworks	\$78,000.00	\$75,115.14	\$88,639.00
Service Repairs	\$200.00		\$500.00
Contract Labor	\$30,000.00	\$21,107.88	\$10,000.00
Hydrant Rentals / Repairs	\$800.00		\$800.00
Meter Repairs	\$600.00		\$200.00
New Services	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00
Water Tests	\$6,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,200.00
Maintenance Supplies	\$1,250.00	\$3.58	\$500.00
SUB TOTAL	\$123,210.00	\$115,157.63	\$146,059.00
DEBT SERVICE	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$120,000.00		\$150,000.00
RT 114 MAIN –Project 1	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$150,000.00
BACK ROAD – Project 2	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	
TOTAL	\$269,850.00	\$245,157.63	\$306,059.00





2006 TOWN OFFICIAL BALLOT

MARCH 14, 2006

ARTICLE 1
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

- For 3 YearsVote for not more than Two
- Nicholas "Nick" Campasano☐
- John A. Caprio☐
- Richard Gamache☐
- Pamela V. Manney☐
- Gossett W. McRae☐
- Suzanne Tremblay☐
- Howard Witherspoon☐
- Write-In☐
- Write-In☐

BUDGET COMMITTEE

- For 3 YearsVote for not more than Four
- Daniel J. Cloutier☐
- Steve Fournier☐
- Philip Plourde☐
- Calvin Pratt☐
- Write-In☐
- Write-In☐
- Write-In☐
- Write-In☐

BUDGET COMMITTEE

- For 2 YearsVote for not more than One
- Write-In☐

BUDGET COMMITTEE

- For 1 YearVote for not more than One
- Write-In☐

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

- For 3 YearsVote for not more than One
- Leon H. Konieczny☐
- Write-In☐

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

- For 3 YearsVote for not more than Two
- Richard Chamberlin☐
- Michael Pelletier☐
- Write-In☐
- Write-In☐

PLANNING BOARD

- For 3 YearsVote for not more than Two
- Jo Ann Duffy☐
- Richard Georgantas☐
- Alan Yeaton☐
- Write-In☐
- Write-In☐

SEWER COMMISSION

- For 3 YearsVote for not more than One
- James Bouchard☐
- Write-In☐

SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST

- For 6 YearsVote for not more than One
- Christine Daniels☐
- Write-In☐

TOWN MODERATOR

- For 2 YearsVote for not more than One
- Rodney Stark☐
- Write-In☐

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

- For 3 YearsVote for not more than One
- Calvin Pratt☐
- Write-In☐

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

- For 3 YearsVote for not more than One
- William Wynne☐
- Write-In☐

ARTICLE 2

Shall the town adopt Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending the Zoning Ordinance to create a new district (RSBO-1) with supplemental standards as a transition zone around the R-1 district for the purpose of preserving historic fabric and character, while recognizing market forces for use and building change, applied to the following properties along North and South Mast Streets?

Map / Lot to change from R-1 to RSBO-1:

7/74-1	30/23	34/1	37/13	37/34	37/50	38/27
	30/37	34/2	37/14	37/35	37/51	38/28
29/53	30/38	34/3	37/15	37/36	37/52	38/29
29/54	30/39	34/4	37/16	37/37		38/30
29/55	30/40	34/5	37/18	37/38	38/14	38/31
29/56	30/41	34/28	37/19	37/39	38/15	38/32
29/57	30/42		37/25	37/40	38/16	38/33
29/58	30/43	35/1	37/26	37/41	38/17	38/34
29/59	30/43A	35/1A	37/27	37/42	38/18	38/35
29/60	30/44	35/2	37/28	37/43	38/19	
29/61	30/45	35/3	37/29	37/44	38/20	
29/62	30/46		37/30	37/45	38/21	
	30/46A	37/10	37/31	37/46	38/22	
30/21	30/47	37/11	37/32	37/47	38/25	
30/22	30/48	37/12	37/33	37/48	38/26	

Map / Lot to change from RSBOD to RSBO-1

30/46-1						
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The existing RSBO district would be re-titled RSBO-2.

The full text of this article is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 3

Shall the town adopt Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board, amend the Zoning Ordinance by adding a new Section 2.5.5 to deal with lots split by zoning districts, codifying current practice?

The full text of this article is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 4

Shall the town adopt Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 4.2.5.1 of the Zoning Ordinance, clarifying that the height limits for buildings shall be in accordance with the requirements of Section 4.3, Table of Dimensional Regulations?

The full text of this article is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 5

Shall the town adopt Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 6.8 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow internal direction, as well as project identity signs; add a new Section between 6.3.5 and 6.3.6, allowing yard sale signs without sign permits; amend Section 6.12 Special Event Signs, allowing such signs in any district and removing yard sale sign from this category, and amend Section 6.13, Temporary Signs, providing sign standards, rather than requiring a conditional use permit?

The full text of this article is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 6

Shall the town adopt Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending special exception findings under Section 14.3.2.1 to read as follows:

14.3.2.1.1 The specific site is an appropriate location for such use, being consistent with the Town's current Master Plan;

14.3.2.1.2 The size, or frequency, of the use will not significantly alter the character of the neighborhood;

14.3.2.1.3 The use will not create a nuisance or hazard to vehicles or pedestrians in a manner that cannot be ameliorated;

14.3.2.1.4 The proposed location is of sufficient size to allow for adequate and appropriate facilities for the proper operation of the use; and

14.3.2.1.5 The proposed location is of sufficient size to allow for appropriate buffers of this use to adjacent properties.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 7

Shall the town adopt Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 9.3.2.3 to lower the allowed density for age-restricted manufactured and to clarify how density is to be measured?

The full text of this article is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 8

Shall the town adopt Amendment #7 as submitted by petition, amending the glossary by adding:

Age Restricted Housing – Age restricted housing shall mean housing which requires one resident over 55 years of age and prohibits residents under 18 years of age. To qualify as Age Restricted Housing, said housing shall include the following significant services and facilities specifically designed to meet the physical and social needs of older persons (as listed by NH Commission on Human Rights, Chapter 302.03 c).

1. Programs designed to provide a social life for residents;

2. Continuing education programs of interest to residents;
3. Information and counseling services;
4. Recreational programs;
5. Homemaking services;
6. Services designed to assist residents with the maintenance and upkeep of buildings and grounds;
7. An accessible physical environment;
8. Emergency and preventable health care programs;
9. Congregate dining facilities;
10. Transportation to facilitate access to social services;
11. Referral services; and
12. Services designed to encourage and assist residents to use the services and facilities available to them.

Submitted by petition. Not Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Sixteen Million Three Hundred Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$16,316,220)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Sixteen Million Three Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Six dollars (\$16,302,486), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Goffstown or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. NOTE: This article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Goffstown by its Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, Local No. 371 representing the employees in the bargaining unit from the Police Department running through December 31, 2010 and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Forty Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars (\$40,277) such sum representing the additional costs attributable at current staffing levels paid in 2005? The estimated additional costs for 2007 over the costs in 2006 will be Fifty Two Thousand Sixty Eight Dollars (\$52,068). The estimated additional costs for 2008 over the costs in 2007 will be Thirty One Thousand Two Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$31,218). The estimated additional costs in 2009 over the costs in 2008 will be Twenty Seven Thousand Dollars Seven Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars (\$27,787). The estimated additional costs in 2010 over the costs in 2009 will be Thirty Three Thousand Four Hundred Ten Dollars (\$33,410). The cost items for future years

will be included in the operating budget. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 9.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 11

Shall the Town approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Goffstown by its Board of Selectmen and the Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire representing the employees in the bargaining unit from the Department of Public Works running through December 31, 2010 and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Thirty Five Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$35,518) such sum representing the additional costs attributable at current staffing levels paid in 2005? The estimated additional costs for 2007 over the costs in 2006 will be Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Four Dollars (\$25,904). The estimated additional costs for 2008 over the costs in 2007 will be Thirty Six Thousand Twenty Two Dollars (\$36,022). The estimated additional costs in 2009 over the costs in 2008 will be Thirty Two Thousand Forty Seven Dollars (\$32,047). The estimated additional costs in 2010 over the costs in 2009 will be Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Nine Dollars (\$49,659). The cost items for future years will be included in the operating budget. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 9.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Eight Hundred Twenty One Thousand dollars (\$1,821,000) for the purpose of implementing the current phase of the Road Improvement Plan? The road improvement plan has been part of the CIP process since 2002 and annual appropriations for the plan have been approved as Special Articles since 2002. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 9.).

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town, pursuant to RSA 162-K:1, adopt the provisions of RSA 162-K relative to Municipal Economic Development and Revitalization Districts so that the town will thereafter have all the authority, powers, duties and responsibilities set forth in that chapter?

Submitted by Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 14

Assuming the adoption by the Town of Article 13, shall the town, pursuant to RSA 162-K:3 & 5, resolve that the adoption and implementation of the Mast Road Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Development District Plan will serve a public purpose as the same is contemplated in RSA 162-K:5 and to adopt the

Mast Road Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Development District Plan?

Submitted by Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 15

Assuming the adoption by the Town of Article 14, shall the town, pursuant to RSA 162-K:5, create and establish the Tax Increment Financing District described in the Mast Road Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Development District Plan and, in addition to establishing the district, establish the development program and tax increment financing plan more particularly set forth in said plan?

Submitted by Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be deposited into the Grasmere Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund and furthermore to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Grasmere Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund as provided by RSA 35:15? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 9.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the purpose of purchasing an excavator? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 9.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Fifteen Thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of funding the nonprofit Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc.? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 9.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Ninety Four Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Seven dollars (\$94,427) from the EMS Special Revenue Fund to reimburse the Town's General Fund for the purchase of the new ambulance in 2005? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 9 and results in revenue to the General Fund so that property taxes will not be raised to pay for the ambulance.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town authorize the Library Board of Trustees indefinitely, until rescinded, to accept on behalf of the Library gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the Library for any public purpose, pursuant to RSA 202-A:4-d? This vote shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the Town Meeting. The Library Board of Trustees must hold a public hearing before accepting any such gift valued at over \$5,000, and the acceptance shall not bind

the library to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, repair, or replacement of such personal property.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 21

Shall the Town sell, transfer easement rights, license land rights or otherwise grant property rights in Town owned property at Map 34, Lot 177 (East Union Street Pumping Station), to a private developer for use in conjunction with the proposed development project on Map 34, Lot 171?

ARTICLE 22

Shall the Town authorize the selectmen, in their judgment, to grant a permanent, non-exclusive access easement across the rail to trail corridor owned by the Town of Goffstown, State of New Hampshire, to a private developer for use in conjunction with the proposed development project on property located at Tax Map 34, Lot 171 on Factory Street and East Union Street? The final form of the easements referenced in this Warrant Article 22 shall be in a form satisfactory to the town attorney. The selectmen are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to carry this article into effect.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 23

Shall the Town sell, transfer easement rights, license land rights or otherwise grant property rights in Town owned property at Map 34 Lot 177 (East Union Street Pumping Station), to a private developer for use in conjunction with the proposed development project on Map 34 Lot 171?

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 24

Shall the Town direct the Board of Selectmen to stop any and all efforts to consolidate Police, Fire, EMS, and Code Enforcement services into a Public Safety Department administered by a Public Safety Director?

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 25

Shall the Town continue the Police and Fire Departments as the separate entities they have been for many years, and restore to office any personnel who may have been removed from said office, if reorganization has begun before this vote?

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 26

Shall the Town vote to reaffirm the continuation of separate Fire and Police Departments, with each department run by a fire chief and police chief, with each being the distinct department head for their respective departments?

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 27

Shall the Town direct and require the Board of Selectmen to reinstate Frank Carpentino to the position of Fire Chief and department head of the Fire Department?

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 28

Shall the Town make the position of Public Safety Director an elected position with a 2-year term, should the Town legislative body approve the consolidation of its public safety services? The election of the Public Safety Director shall not be held until the next succeeding annual meeting following the approval of this article.

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 29

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of paragraph I and II of NH RSA 154:5, which includes allowing a fire chief's tenure to be based on good conduct and efficiency and provides for the suspension and/or dismissal of a fire chief only for cause, after he or she, has been presented with a written specification of the reasons?

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 30

Shall the Town will raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$221,258 (above the 2006 operating budget) of the \$402,893 necessary to employ 18 additional full time Firefighter/EMTs within the Goffstown Fire Department, in order to implement 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, fire and fire based Emergency Medical Services, staffing a minimum of two fire stations? The effective date of hiring nine new full time Firefighter/EMTs shall commence effective July 1, 2006; and the effective date of which the remaining nine full time Firefighter/EMTs shall commence with a hiring date of September 1, 2006.

Submitted by petition.

Not Recommended by Board of Selectmen.

Not Recommended by Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 31

Shall the Town require that, in order to be elected or to serve as a selectmen, one must physically reside within the Town of Goffstown?

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 32

Shall the Town adopt provisions of RSA 40:14 to delegate the determination of the Goffstown Town Default Budget to the municipal budget committee?

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 33

Shall the Town of Goffstown adopt the provisions of RSA 40-14b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the Municipal Budget Committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14? (3/5 majority vote required)

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 34

Shall the Town, in accordance with RSA 32:15, reduce the number of members of the Budget Committee from sixteen (16) to thirteen (13) members, of which nine (9) members are to be elected at large, three each year for 3-year overlapping terms? Four representatives shall be selected for one-year terms, one each from the selectmen, the school board, the Goffstown Water Precinct, and the Grasmere Water Precinct.

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 35

Shall the Town adopt and approve the Charter recommended and submitted on December 15, 2004 by the 2004 Charter Commission? The following chart summarizes the current form of government and the major changes in the proposed Charter:

	CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGES
GOVERNING BODY	5 Selectmen	7 Councilors
ADMINISTRATION	Selectmen/Town Administrator	Town Manager
CEMETERY TRUSTEES	Elected	Appointed
BUDGET COMMITTEE	12 Elected Members	9 Elected Members
BOND PASSAGE	3/5 (60%) majority vote	2/3 (66 2/3%) majority vote
DEFAULT BUDGET	Set by Board of Selectmen	Set by Budget Committee
PETITIONS	All Petitions (Appropriations, Zoning, other): 25 registered voters	Petitions: Appropriations, Zoning, and Initiative Petitions: 50 registered voters Referendum Petitions: 500 registered voters Recall of Officeholder Petitions: 250 registered voters

Submitted by petition.

**2006 SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIAL
BALLOT
GOFFSTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
March 14, 2006**

Article 1

To choose all School District officers for the ensuing years:

To choose three members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Keith Allard

Virginia "Ginny" McKinnon

Kent H. Nolan

To choose three School District Officials for the ensuing three years, namely:

School District Moderator:

James Raymond

School District Treasurer:

Larry Emerton

School District Clerk:

Jo Ann Duffy

Article 2

Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed THREE HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (\$306,510.00) for the purpose of funding the increased cost of construction of a 10 classroom Kindergarten facility. The increased cost is due to delays caused by litigation and reflects the necessary funds needed to furnish and equip the kindergarten school in order to open in October 2006. Construction plans and a cost itemization shall be on file with the School Administrative Unit #19 Office in Goffstown, New Hampshire.

This appropriation to be funded from New Hampshire State Building Aid and Kindergarten Aid as may become available and withdrawing up to

THREE HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (\$306,510.00) from the existing Town of Goffstown School Impact Fee Funds with no tax impact. Furthermore, to authorize the School District to make application for and accept all grants which may now or hereafter be forthcoming for this purpose and shall be applied to reduce the use of said Impact Fees?

This article requires no funds \$0.00 (Zero Dollars) to be raised through taxes.

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #3, the Operating Budget Article. **(Majority vote required.) (The School Board recommends this Article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article.)**

Article 3

Shall the Goffstown School District raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling THIRTY TWO MILLION, NINE HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED THREE DOLLARS (\$32,914,203.00). Should this Article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be THIRTY TWO MILLION, THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO DOLLARS (\$32,388,972.00) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District or by law. In the event this Article is defeated, the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised Operating Budget only. **(The School Board recommends this Article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article.)**

Petition Article 4

"Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14?" **(3/5th's Majority Vote Needed.) (The School Board does NOT recommend this Article.)**

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

LOOKING BACK TO LOOK FORWARD



L-R Seated: Jane Raymond, Ellen Vermokowitz, Chair, Sara Ann Sarette, Scott Gross L-R Standing: Lorry Cloutier, Keith Allard, Philip Pancoast, Karen Pratt, Shea Sennett, Student Rep. Absent: Ginny McKinnon.,

Progress and improvement is ever present in the Goffstown schools. We have a great deal to be very pleased with and proud of when it comes to our educational system and the many accomplishments of our students and staff. As you are aware, our school district has been working for over eight years on the development of technology in education, establishing curriculum with standards and benchmarks, obtaining necessary learning materials, maintaining our buildings, hiring quality staff, evaluating and developing our staff to help bring about the “advancing of student learning”. The effort has been fruitful as evidenced by the following accomplishments of our students and staff:

- Academic success – At our high school, students have improved on NH State testing for five consecutive years, and have surpassed NH State average scores. The statistics prove that more students are performing at or above grade level in all academic areas. This accomplishment along with the following success stories, support the fact that your tax dollars are being well spent. In addition, our elementary schools reported significant advancement of our youngest students in the area of Reading and Math.

- Post Graduation success – our statistical data shows an increase in percentage of students going to college after graduation.
- College destinations – Our students go to such esteemed colleges as Dartmouth, Yale, MIT, Penn State, NYU, as well as UNH, Keene, Plymouth, NHTI, Florida State and many more. We are excited about the diversity of post-graduate selections that meet the needs of our diverse population of students.
- High school drop-out rates have declined sharply, and are among the lowest in New Hampshire.
- Nine of our GHS students have earned the designation of “AP Scholars” by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the College-level Advance Placement Program Exams.
- A team of Maple Avenue students qualified and participated in the Global Competition of Destination Imagination in Knoxville, Tenn.
- We have seen a significant increase in the number of post-secondary credit course offerings at the high school, as well as an increase in the number of student enrollments in these courses.
- Our Adult Education Program (GAP) continues to be an extremely successful program that has grown over the years, and provides adults of all ages an opportunity to obtain their high school education as well as enrichment courses.
- We continue to support diversity of thought by accepting international exchange students from countries such as Kosovo, Germany, Serbia, Kyrgyzstan and Thailand.
- We have added advanced placement courses, college credit course opportunities, and distance learning.

Our Athletic programs are developing, allowing our students the opportunity to grow as young adults and share the experiences of teamwork, competition and sportsmanship. This year alone, the:

- varsity field hockey team has finished in fifth place,
- varsity football has a wonderful season at 6-2 making the State playoff semi-finals in Division III,
- varsity girls soccer beat the #1 and 3 ranked teams in class L, and the
- varsity volleyball competed in Class L tournament for the first time.

Our Arts programs continue to flourish:

- We continue to produce extraordinary dramas and musicals.
- Our art students continue to receive acknowledgement for their fine work.
- Our strings program has developed into an orchestra at our high school.

Over the years, our School District has been honored in so many ways. Here are several accomplishments:

- 1996 – NH Custodian of the Year Leo Labrecque
- 1997 – NH Teacher of the Year Lynn Ellis

- 1997, 2001 – MVMS chosen as the Middle School of the Year
- 2002 – NH School Board of the Year
- 2002 – NH Superintendent of the Year, Dr. Lockwood
- 2003– NHSAA Outstanding Service Award–Assistant Superintendent Mary Heath
- 2004 – NH Strings Teacher of the Year, Muriel Orcutt
- 2004 – NH Elementary Principal of the Year, Marc Boyd
- 2005 – NH Teacher – Wal-Mart Award – Ms. Mannion
- 2005 – The Milken Family Teacher of the Year Award – Ami Marler
- 2005 – At the Yale Congress our students received recognition for public speaking, outstanding committee work and Mr. Ferrier, a GHS teacher, received an award for outstanding advisor.

We have expanded and renovated our high school, maintained all other schools and are now building our public kindergarten.

We have no doubt that our school system exemplifies success and achievement. Goffstown is blessed with talented students, dedicated teachers and staff, and a very supportive community. As a School Board our promise to you is to continue striving for excellence and to reach even greater levels of success for all students.

Ellen Vermokowitz, Chairman
Goffstown School Board

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

On behalf of School Administrative Unit #19, I present this 2005 report of the Superintendent of Schools. The six schools that serve the districts of Dunbarton, Goffstown, and New Boston, continue their mission of developing and supporting an educational community that advances rigorous standards for learning for all students, resulting in high student achievement.

Student enrollment data is available in a separate table within this report. The data is quite interesting and points to a change in our communities. You will note that elementary student enrollment continues to be relatively static. Our middle school enrollment has dropped in recent years and appears to again be leveling off while high school enrollment continues to grow.

The mission of *Advancing Student Learning* is applied to all of the SAU's curriculum, assessment, and professional development initiatives. In discussions on any of these areas, we focus on the same questions:

What should students know and be able to do? To what standard?

What variety of instructional methods and materials will ensure that all students have the opportunity to learn?

What training and resources will teachers need to make that happen?

How will we assess students' progress toward standards and mastery?

Teachers from across the SAU have continued to work together to strengthen the curriculum – agreeing on common assessments and plans for pacing instruction. While lesson plans and techniques vary from teacher to teacher, the underlying grade level expectations and standards are consistent. Our students benefit from this unified emphasis on what they need to know and be able to do.

Our current instructional focus is on improving the balance between fiction/creative writing and non-fiction/informational writing. We have identified critical informational reading and writing skills to emphasize, and developed curriculum units of instruction that interweave these skills over the course of the year. We have purchased more non-fiction materials in order to fill the gaps in our available resources. The Rebecca Sitton Spelling program was adopted for implementation in grades K-8. This approach provides more consistency in word study and written spelling throughout all subjects. Teachers have participated in workshops on grade level expectations in core subject areas, and on how to effectively use all of our resources to reach those grade level expectations. Special training was offered to staff for the Rebecca Sitton Spelling program, since it is in the first year of implementation.

Instructional uses of technology are also a focus for our districts. In their professional development plan, each professional staff member includes at least one goal that incorporates gaining knowledge in this area. Workshops and self study time are being emphasized in this area during our early release and teacher workshop days. Through support from our communities and the wise use

of grant funds we have been able to increase the availability of equipment and resources to support the uses of technology in the teaching and learning process.

Students in grades 3-8 participated in the newly developed state achievement testing in reading and math – the New England Compact Assessment Program (NECAP). Grades 5 and 8 also participated in a written language component to the NECAP. This annual assessment will be what the state uses to determine whether or not districts are making adequate yearly progress (AYP) as defined by the No Child Left Behind legislation.

In addition, SAU#19 administers its own “local” assessments – twice yearly writing samples, end of unit tests in reading and math, and many teacher-designed “common” assessments are used across a subject or grade level. Another standardized test used by the SAU is the Northwest Evaluation Association’s Measures of Academic Progress (NWEA’s MAP). This computerized measure of reading, math and language arts adapts to the level of performance of the student as the test progresses, and allows teachers to track individual student progress over the course of the year. The tests provide accurate and immediate scores to help teachers plan instructional programs. You will find more information on student performance by perusing the principals’ reports.

Special and general educators continue to collaborate on all of these initiatives to *Advance Student Learning* for all students, including those with educational disabilities. The past year has seen a decrease in the number of “pull-out” groups for special instruction, and an increase in the number of students successfully included in typical classrooms. Special educators are participating in professional development on how to use our general curriculum resources for reading, math and writing. They benefit from increased expertise in these valuable general curriculum resources. Meanwhile, classroom teachers benefit from working side by side with special educators – enhancing the focus on success for all students.

We continue to focus our improvement efforts this year on: maximizing students’ access to the general curriculum, providing extra support outside of core academic instruction, explicitly teaching thinking, reading and problem-solving strategies that students can apply to new learning situations, and making appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities - throughout the school year and during standardized testing sessions.

The Goffstown School Board approved the development of the New Heights Charter Academy, a charter school focusing on Business and Technology needs of 11th and 12th grade students. The program was approved by the New Hampshire Department of Education and a sizable multi-year grant was approved to support the program in its infancy. Goffstown approved the transfer of land from the town to the school for a school building that will support a public Kindergarten for 5-year-olds. The opening of the new school is scheduled for the fall 2006.

The Dunbarton School Board subcommittee entitled the Capital Improvement Committee has continued their work on building improvements with work on the HVAC systems. We continue our thanks to Jeff Trexler for his

volunteer leadership of this effort. The next phase of the project will go before the school district meeting in March for consideration.

Preparation is underway for New England Association of Schools & Colleges, Inc. (NEASC), accreditation at the high school. NEAS&C is the nation's oldest regional accrediting association, and they serve more than 2,000 public and independent schools, colleges and universities in the six states of New England and American/International schools in more than sixty nations worldwide. Even as the high school moves forward with this process, the middle school has submitted their application to begin this process.

This current school year brought the onset of a pilot trimester schedule for Goffstown elementary and middle schools. The impetus for this approach is to provide more appropriate information to parents regarding their student's progress. The school board will review the results in the spring. Dunbarton, New Boston, and Goffstown High School remain on a quarterly academic schedule.

Seven teachers retired from our schools during the 2004-2005 school year. We send best wishes to Patricia Albanese of Bartlett Elementary School; Linda Garland of Maple Avenue Elementary School; Julie Carroll, Coralee Kleiner, David Osborn, and Karen Sullivan of Mountain View Middle School; Sally Goode of Goffstown High School; and Nancy Graybill of New Boston Central School.

The summer of 2005 was a very busy time as we completed hiring, orienting and processing the paperwork for 45 new teachers in our three districts. Leslie Doster transitioned into multiple roles as Assistant Principal of Maple Avenue Elementary/ Kindergarten Project Coordinator / Special Education Facilitator of Bartlett Elementary. Mary Singer became an Assistant Principal at the high school over the summer and Bette House-Myers became the Special Education Facilitator at Mountain View Middle School. Assistant Superintendent Kathi Titus took on the new role of handling curriculum and professional staff development and Stacy Buckley was hired as the Assistant Superintendent for Special Services.

We wish to extend our thanks to several School Board members for their years of service. Members completing Board service during the 2004-2005 year were - in New Boston, Diane Manson and Fred Hayes- and Marie Morgan in Goffstown.

As we approach the time of year for deliberative sessions and school district meetings, I extend to all members of our communities, the Boards of Education, the administration, faculty and support staff and our students our continued best wishes for a safe, joyous and successful school year.

Darrell J. Lockwood, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Deliberative Ballot Determination Meeting

February 7, 2005

Moderator, Larry Emerton, called the 2005 School District Deliberative Session to order at 7:04 p.m. There were 83 registered voters in attendance out of a total of 11,216 registered voters. Charlie Carr was sworn-in as a counter.

Bill Gleeson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. The cast of *Crazy for You* sang the National Anthem and entertained the audience by performing a dance number from the musical.

A moment of silence was observed for all of our service personnel.

L. Emerton then introduced the Chair of the School Board, Ellen Vermokowitz, who introduced the following School Board members Jane Raymond, Vice Chair; Scott Gross; Philip Pancoast; Marie Morgan; Sara Sarette; Keith Allard; Lorry Cloutier; and Virginia McKinnon. Mrs. Vermokowitz also introduced Superintendent - Dr. Darrell Lockwood. Dr. Lockwood introduced the SAU staff: Business Manager Michelle Croteau; Principals, David Bousquet, and Marc Boyd, and Rose Colby Assistant Principal Leslie Doster; Facilities Director Jerry Agate, and Denise Morin, Executive Assistant.

Moderator Emerson also introduced Budget Committee Chair John Caprio; School District Clerk Jo Ann Duffy; and Assistant Moderator Fred Plett.

E. Vermokowitz: I would like to take this opportunity to thank Marie Morgan who will be leaving the School Board this year. Each year the Goffstown School Board asks people to nominate others who have done outstanding service for the district. The following individuals were presented awards:

The Cornerstone Award for 2005 was presented to:

Suzanne Tremblay for Volunteering Category. This person has dedicated her services to the school district for over 25 years. She served on the School Board for a great many years. She served as SAU Chair, served on numerous committees; MVMS Committee, Space Needs Committee, GHS Renovation Committee and most recently on the Budget Committee.

Douglas McKernan for General Education Category. Doug is the band teacher member of the high school staff for 31 years, and he is also the person that conducted the choir at tonight's pre-meeting entertainment. He has a love and passion for what he does.

Mr. Emerton then read the legal posting for this meeting and the MS-27.

A motion was made by John Caprio and seconded by Peter Georgantas to dispense with the reading of Articles 2-6 and take them up separately. This was voted unanimously in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 1

To choose all School District officers for the ensuing years:

To choose three members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION ON ARTICLE 1.

ARTICLE 2

Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$187,500.00) for the payment of architectural, construction, and other fees and related incidental and necessary costs for the purpose of expanding parking and field facilities for the Goffstown High School; said appropriation to be funded as follows:

\$187,500.00 (One Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) from existing Town of Goffstown School Impact Fee Funds
- 0 - (Zero Dollars) to be raised through taxes.

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #6, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote required.) (The School Board recommends this Article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article.)

Jane Raymond: I will move and will speak to Article 2 as printed on the Warrant. Seconded by Marie Morgan.

Jane Raymond: This article asks voters to appropriate a total of \$187,500.00; approximately \$30,000 to expand parking behind the High School, \$154,500 to blast, fill and grade for a second field behind the High School, plus \$3,000 for landscaping. This expansion will be funded from existing Town of Goffstown School Impact Fee Funds. These funds are designated specifically to fund school projects that address needs resulting from increased enrollment. If not utilized for the support of eligible projects, School Impact Fees eventually expire and are returned to the developer.

P. Georgantas moved the question. Seconded by **J. Caprio**. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 2 WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS PRESENTED.

ARTICLE 3

Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed **TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00)** for the payment of architectural and other fees and related incidental and necessary costs for the purpose of a study of the Bartlett Elementary School facility. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #6, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote required.) (The School Board recommends this Article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article.)

Sara Sarette: I move and will speak to Article 3 as printed on the Warrant. Seconded by G. McKinnon.

Explanation: Student and staff needs at Bartlett Elementary School have outgrown the facility's ability to meet those needs based on current usage. The facility is in need of upgrades to address security and mechanical systems concerns. Additionally, the facility needs appropriate Administrative/Teacher space, classroom space, storage space, food preparation space, and parking to meet the needs of the current enrollment. This appropriation provides \$25,000 to fund a study to determine how to maximize the use of the current facility and to develop a long-term plan for the facility.

P. Georgantas moved the question. Seconded by P. Kendall. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 3 WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS PRESENTED.

ARTICLE 4

Shall the School District create a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, to be known as the Bartlett Elementary School Facilities Fund, for the purpose of funding improvements to the school facility. Furthermore, to fund this trust fund from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on July 1 of 2005, with an amount not to exceed **THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000.00)**; or to take any other action in relation thereto. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #6, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote required.) (The School Board recommends this Article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article.)

Philip Pancoast: I move and will speak to Article 4 as printed on the Warrant. Seconded by Keith Allard.

Explanation: As noted in the explanation for Article #3 there are various concerns with the current layout and physical condition of the Bartlett

Elementary School. Article #3 is to fund a study to develop a long-term plan to address these needs. This Article, Article #4, appropriates up to \$300,000 to be placed in a Capital Reserve Fund to support the cost of implementing recommendations resulting from the study. This article is funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance. Amounts placed into this Capital Reserve Fund will require voter approval to be expended in the future.

P. Kendall moved the question. Seconded by P. Georgantas. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 4 WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS PRESENTED.

ARTICLE 5

Shall the school board be authorized to accept on behalf of the district, and for its benefit, without further action by the voters, gifts, legacies and devises of real or personal property, which may become available to the district during the fiscal year (Majority vote required). (The School Board recommends this Article.)

Ellen Vermokowitz: I move and will speak to Article 5 as printed on the Warrant. Seconded by Scott Gross.

Explanation: Approval of this article will authorize the School Board to accept various types of gifts to the School District. This will enable the School Board to accept a donation of land from the Town of Goffstown as defined in Article #24 of the Town of Goffstown's Warrant. Referred to as the Glen Lake property, this parcel of land is a potential site for the Kindergarten facility, which was approved by the voters last March.

Jason Sachs: If this article passes and the Town's Warrant Article 24 passes, what would happen to the school's interest in the Tibbetts Hill Road property?

E. Vermokowitz: It goes away. We would build on the Glen Lake property site.

Collis Adams: I live at 309 Elm Street. I am a direct abutter to the Glen Lake parcel. I am not here as Chair of the Conservation Commission, nor as my alternate position on the Planning Board. My concerns and issues are not issues relative to kindergarten in Goffstown. Both my wife and I have been ardent supporters. I hope to see this as soon as we can get it, but I think it needs to be done properly. The issues I have are relative to process and land use. A number of years ago, the voters voted to approve RSA 41:14A. This authorizes the Board of Selectmen to conduct land transfers. That statute describes a process that must be followed. You must get a written recommendation from the Planning Board and Conservation Commission then hold two public hearings.

That process has not been followed in this case and I would like to know why. I would like an explanation.

Ellen Vermokowitz: I would urge you to come to the Town's Deliberative Session on Wednesday night and get an explanation. The Town received a grant in 1977 and they used that money to purchase this land. The deed states that this land must be used for a public purpose. Our legal counsel told us that a public school is a public service.

C. Adams: I appreciate the efforts by the Superintendent and the School Board to get an opinion from the State. My other issue was relative to proper land use. If the Glen Lake parcel is the most desirable, I would support that. However, when the public private partnership fell through and we stepped back and looked at this from a town wide perspective on what parcels were available for a kindergarten, seven parcels were identified. Another parcel identified was a 50-acre parcel near the transfer station. I would suggest that we have not done due diligence until we investigate that parcel. When the gravel was removed for the landfill closure, that parcel has been prepped and ready for building. I would suggest that it would be proper to look at that parcel and determine why that parcel has not been preferred. There are no environmental issues. I would suggest since it is already prepped, it would be far cheaper for the residents to site a kindergarten.

P. Georgantas: Does the School Board have any intention of retaining the Tibbetts Hill Road property if this article passes?

E. Vermokowitz: Both articles need to pass - the town and school articles. The School District would not retain that parcel if both articles pass.

Bob Wheeler: I want to share with the Board and the audience that the Board of Selectmen is comfortable that we have satisfied the requirements of the process. We have also checked with legal counsel. I think there is a difference because there is a question about process and procedure. Different folks have different levels of interest. If you are an abutter your interest runs high. In the land use arena there is a distinction between interested parties and abutters. The Board of Selectmen have not gone off without investigating whether there is authority to make this type of transfer or not. We have looked into it and done our due diligence.

Charlie Carr: I was on the committee searching for the property and have looked at the transfer station property as well as the other. The transfer station property has a problem with line of sight at the end of the driveway. The line of sight is too short. When we had a problem in Grasmere, we cut down the top of the hill. There is nothing we can do to lengthen the line of sight from the end of this driveway to the landfill property, so I would not recommend that this be used.

Collis Adams: I clearly identified myself as an abutter. I was here speaking as a concerned citizen. I take issue regarding the line of sight. Having 25 years experience in land development, I would say there is ample line of sight there. Line of sight was a serious issue when the Planning Board looked at this property, and we did look into this carefully.

P. Georgantas moved, seconded by P. Kendall to move the question. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 5 WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS PRESENTED

Article 6

Shall the Goffstown School District raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling **TWENTY NINE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE DOLLARS (\$29,566,959.00)**. Should this Article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be **TWENTY EIGHT MILLION NINE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED ELEVEN DOLLARS (\$28,929,811.00)** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District or by law. In the event this Article is defeated, the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised Operating Budget only. (The School Board recommends this Article) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article.)

Scott Gross: I move and will speak to Article 6 as printed on the Warrant. Seconded by Ellen Vermokowitz.

Explanation: Approval of this article would set the Operating Budget at \$29,566,959.00 for the 2005-2006 year. Both the School Board and the Budget Committee recommend the proposed budget. The proposed budget includes new staff to meet the requirements and needs of the student population:

Bartlett –

1 Additional Day Media Teacher
Additional End of Year Programming
Summer Assessment Time, and Summer Library Services
1 Paraprofessional

Maple Avenue

1 First Grade Teacher (grant funds no longer available)

1 Reading Recovery Teacher (grant funds no longer available)

Mountain View Middle School

Additional 12 Days Secretarial Time

Goffstown High School

1 World Language Teacher

Support for GAP (Adult Education/Diploma Program)

Additional Receptionist Coverage

Increased Secretarial Time

1 Paraprofessional

Other Staff

2 Staff Members for Alternative to External Suspension Program (grant funds no longer available)

10 Additional Days Production Technician Time

Approximately \$11,000 for Additional Coaching Staff

The requested 2005-2006 budget represents an increase of \$1,691,385 over the prior year.

Salary, taxes and benefits account for \$831,728, or 49% of the increase; \$624,330 in contractual obligations for existing positions and \$207,398 for the requested new positions. Increases in Special Education tuition account for \$319,251, or 19% of the budget increase. Other areas of emphasis include updating English Language Arts curriculum materials for grades 1 through 8 and implementation of the Technology Plan.

P. Georgantas moved the question, seconded by P. Kendall. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

MOTION: Peter Georgantas moved, seconded by Phil Kendall to adjourn the 2005 Goffstown School District meeting. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Duffy

Goffstown School District Clerk

ELECTION RESULTS

Goffstown, NH School District

March 8, 2005

ARTICLE 1

To choose all School District officers for the ensuing years:

To choose three members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Philip Pancoast 1,561

Karen J. Pratt 1,535

Sara Ann Sarette 1,644

ARTICLE 2

Goffstown High Parking and Field Expansion

Yes 1,608 No 770

ARTICLE 3

Bartlett School Architectural Fees

Yes 1,509 No 856

ARTICLE 4

Facilities Capital Reserve Fund

Yes 1,478 No 867

ARTICLE 5

Permission to Accept Gifts

Yes 1,803 No 581

ARTICLE 6

School Budget

Yes 1,452 No 914

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

2006 WARRANT

SCHOOL BALLOT DETERMINATION MEETING THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

February 6, 2006

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Goffstown qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet on Monday, the sixth day of February 2006, in the Dr. Craig Hieber Auditorium at Goffstown High School, at 7:00 P.M. for the first session of the School District Meeting, also known as the first Deliberative Session, to act on the following subject and determine matters which will then be voted upon by the official ballot on Tuesday, March 14, 2006.

You are further notified to meet on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, 2006, also known as the second session, to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls are open on March 14, 2006, at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. at the Central polling district at the Goffstown High School and will open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. in the Fifth District at the Bartlett Elementary School.

ARTICLE 1

To choose all School District officers for the ensuing years:

**To choose three School District Officials for the ensuing three years, namely:
School District Moderator, School District Treasurer, School District Clerk**

ARTICLE 2

Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed THREE HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (\$306,510.00) for the purpose of funding the increased cost of construction of a 10 classroom Kindergarten facility. The increased cost is due to delays caused by litigation and reflects the necessary funds needed to furnish and equip the kindergarten school in order to open in October 2006. Construction plans and a cost itemization shall be on file with the School Administrative Unit #19 Office in Goffstown, New Hampshire.

This appropriation to be funded from New Hampshire State Building Aid and Kindergarten Aid as may become available and withdrawing up to **THREE HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (\$306,510.00)** from the existing Town of Goffstown School Impact Fee Funds with no tax impact. Furthermore, to authorize the School District to make application for and accept all grants which may now or hereafter be forthcoming for this purpose and shall be applied to reduce the use of said Impact Fees?

This article requires no funds \$0.00 (Zero Dollars) to be raised through taxes.

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #3, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote required.) (The School Board recommends this Article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article.)

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Goffstown School District raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling **THIRTY THREE MILLION, ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED THREE DOLLARS (\$33,114,203.00)**. Should this Article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be **THIRTY TWO MILLION, THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO DOLLARS (\$32,388,972.00)** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District or by law. In the event this Article is defeated, the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised Operating Budget only. (The School Board recommends this Article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article.)

PETITION ARTICLE 4

“Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14?” (Majority vote required.) (The School Board does NOT recommend this Article.)

**GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AT SAID GOFFSTOWN ON THIS 19th
DAY OF JANUARY 2006.**

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

**Ellen Vermokowitz, Chair
Philip Pancoast, Vice Chair
Keith Allard
Lorry Cloutier
Scott Gross
Virginia McKinnon
Karen Pratt
Jane Raymond
Sara Ann Sarette**

**Original Copy on File at SAU #19, 11 School Street, Goffstown, New
Hampshire 03045**

OCTOBER 1 PUPIL ENROLLMENT 2001 - 2005

School	Grade	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
BARTLETT	Pre-School	28	33	40	44	47
1		57	52	42	57	44
2		57	59	51	46	49
3		35	53	55	55	51
4		---	44	54	56	56
Total - Bartlett		177	241	242	258	247

MAPLE AVE

Multi-age (1,2,3)	67	---	---	---	---
Combination (2,3)	---	46	44	---	---
1	107	126	111	127	133
2	99	110	111	115	133
3	119	97	115	133	117
4	44	144	124	143	139
Total - Maple Avenue	436	523	505	518	522

MOUNTAIN VIEW

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5	199	197	191	178	203
6	239	223	208	197	182
7	303	331	341	287	287
8	320	313	343	324	288
Total - MVMS	1,217	1,064	1,083	986	960

GOFFSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

9	302	314	320	356	336
10	323	303	325	318	366
11	259	308	346	319	348
12	185	245	264	301	294
Total - GHS	1,069	1,170	1,255	1,294	1,344

GRAND TOTAL 2001- 2005

2,899	2,998	3,085	3,056	3,073
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Goffstown School District - Projected Revenues

	MS 24 2004 - 2005 Approved	MS 24 2005 - 2006 Approved	School Board 2006 - 2007 Proposed	Budget Comm. 2006 - 2007 Proposed
REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES				
Adequacy Grant	4,894,390	5,058,937	5,058,937	5,058,937
School Building Aid	487,340	506,200	488,380	488,380
Kindergarten Construction Aid	2,253,030			
Area Vocational School Transportation Aid	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Kindergarten Bridging Aid			180,000	180,000
Catastrophic Aid	125,044	173,633	250,000	250,000
Child Nutrition	9,600	9,600	9,600	9,600
REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES				
IASA, Chapter I and II	331,101	599,874	596,680	596,680
Child Nutrition Programs	95,000	90,000	67,000	67,000
LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN TAXES				
Tuition	4,150,000	4,330,481	4,829,804	4,829,804
Driver Education Program Receipts	10,000	19,000	19,000	19,000
Earnings on Investments	15,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Food Service	634,833	737,791	795,691	795,691
Medicaid	65,000	65,000	100,000	100,000
School Impact Fees	436,769	187,500		
Reimbursement Spec. Ed.	132,441	182,294	249,285	249,285
SUBTOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS	13,643,048	11,966,810	12,650,877	12,650,877
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Sale of Bonds				
GENERAL FUND BALANCE				
Reserved Fund Balance	400,000	300,000	**	**
Unreserved Fund Balance	1,094,119	310,220	550,000	550,000
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	15,137,167	12,577,030	13,200,877	13,200,877
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	12,042,442	14,084,107	16,400,738	16,400,738
STATE ASSESSMENT	3,675,235	3,418,322	3,512,588	3,512,588
APPROPRIATION	30,854,844	30,079,459	33,114,203	33,114,203

Notes:

-> FY 2006 - 2007 appropriation number equals the operating budget warrant article (Article #3).

-> Projected revenues are estimates and are subject to change.

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Debt Schedule as of June 30, 2005

Years remaining on Goffstown School District's general obligation bonds.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
2005-06	1,330,000.00	575,852.50	1,905,852.50
2006-07	1,320,000.00	534,092.50	1,854,092.50
2007-08	1,305,000.00	491,530.00	1,796,530.00
2008-09	1,285,000.00	447,798.75	1,732,798.75
2009-10	1,275,000.00	402,605.00	1,677,605.00
2010-11	1,210,000.00	356,315.00	1,566,315.00
2011-12	900,000.00	314,300.00	1,214,300.00
2012-13	600,000.00	281,300.00	881,300.00
2013-14	600,000.00	252,800.00	852,800.00
2014-15	600,000.00	224,150.00	824,150.00
2015-16	600,000.00	194,750.00	794,750.00
2016-17	600,000.00	164,750.00	764,750.00
2017-18	600,000.00	134,750.00	734,750.00
2018-19	600,000.00	104,750.00	704,750.00
2019-20	600,000.00	74,750.00	674,750.00
2020-21	600,000.00	44,750.00	644,750.00
2021-22	595,000.00	14,875.00	609,875.00
Total Outstanding Bonds	<u>\$14,620,000.00</u>	<u>\$4,614,118.75</u>	<u>\$19,234,118.75</u>

<u>Bond</u>	<u>Principal Balance</u>	<u>Interest Balance</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
MVMS & Elementary Bond*	4,425,000.00	415,843.75	4,840,843.75
GHS Renovation/Addition**	10,195,000.00	4,198,275.00	14,393,275.00
Total Outstanding Bonds	<u>\$14,620,000.00</u>	<u>\$4,614,118.75</u>	<u>\$19,234,118.75</u>

Notes:

* Last Payment –8/15/2011

** Last Payment – 7/15/2021

The MVMS & Elementary Bond was refunded in August 2003 resulting in a savings of \$341,879 in interest cost over the life of the Bond.

Goffstown School District Budget

	2004 - 2005 Actual	2005 - 2006 Appropriation	2006 - 2007 Proposed School Board	2006 - 2007 Proposed Budget Committee
Regular Education	10,960,649.72	11,952,679	13,238,010	13,238,010
Special Education	4,620,335.41	5,145,292	6,268,556	6,268,556
Vocational Programs	82,480.00	125,600	95,000	95,000
Co-Curricular & Athletics	464,117.29	480,369	504,700	504,700
Summer School Programs	7,083.60	20,038	20,038	20,038
Other Pupil Services	25,094.50	28,250	29,250	29,250
Adult Education Programs	80,725.16	82,581	84,284	84,284
Field Rental	5,000.00	5,000	5,000	5,000
Guidance	830,811.17	872,397	950,197	950,197
Health Services	260,236.20	295,451	379,555	379,555
Speech Pathology and Audio	248,398.37	261,417	274,587	274,587
Curriculum Development	3,789.49	3,282	4,585	4,585
Staff Development	48,725.83	66,000	66,000	66,000
Information Center Services	384,696.10	441,476	459,441	459,441
Educational TV	189.04	3,800	3,700	3,700
Technical Support Services	201,008.63	175,034	189,755	189,755
School Board	34,763.64	34,369	36,149	36,149
Treasurer	2,499.45	2,624	2,624	2,624
District Meeting	9,347.08	3,445	3,445	3,445
Audit Services	6,000.00	6,000	6,500	6,500
Legal Services	11,501.91	10,000	10,000	10,000
SAU Services	1,006,121.00	990,560	1,026,522	1,026,522
Administration	1,452,706.28	1,787,520	2,004,887	2,004,887
Other Student Support Services	173,867.11	22,364	22,938	22,938
Building Operations	1,813,159.86	1,858,562	2,249,444	2,249,444
Care and Upkeep of Grounds	44,537.60	50,923	68,765	68,765
Equipment Maintenance	3,512.25	6,003	7,622	7,622
Transportation	781,920.95	826,529	939,116	939,116
Special Needs Transportation	472,801.01	531,196	644,065	644,065
Skills Center Transportation	26,190.00	30,051	30,915	30,915
Athletic Program Transportation	58,367.42	61,790	58,200	58,200
Field Trip Transportation	21,222.10	25,240	32,700	32,700
Other Professional Services			26,090	26,090
GESS Course Reimbursement	6,288.44	8,000	9,000	9,000

Goffstown School District Budget (cont.)

	2004 - 2005 Actual	2005 - 2006 Appropriation	2006 - 2007 Proposed School Board	2006 - 2007 Proposed Budget Committee
Site Improvement	12,430.00	197,500	38,000	38,000
Arch. & Engineering Prof. Svs.		25,000		
Debt Service	1,958,917.91	1,905,852	1,854,092	1,854,092
Capital Reserve Transfer		300,000		
Total General Fund	26,119,494.52	28,642,194	31,643,732	31,643,732
Federal Grants Fund	697,675.31	599,874	596,680	596,680
Capital Projects Fund	341,974.89	0	0	0
Food Service Fund	822,613.12	837,391	873,791	873,791
Total Goffstown School District *	27,981,757.84	30,079,459	33,114,203	33,114,203

Note: The proposed fiscal year 2006 - 2007 columns equal the operating budget warrant article.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

BARTLETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

David A. Bousquet, Principal

Educator Jacques Barzun stated, "In teaching you cannot see the fruit of a day's work. It is invisible and remains so, maybe for twenty years." At Bartlett Elementary School we believe in the need to develop a good foundation for learning, which will carry each student throughout school and into their adult years. Therefore, advancing student learning continues to be the goal and focus at Bartlett Elementary School. We have been implementing the Literacy Collaborative initiative through Lesley University during the last four years. The Literacy Collaborative helps schools develop early literacy skills through intensive professional development that promotes effective reading and writing instruction. This year each teacher completed 20 hours of professional development in literacy instruction. As part of our focus on literacy, Bartlett students were honored to have children's author, Mary Lyn Ray visit the school in April.

We have continued implementing the Everyday Math program to help provide well-balanced instruction in mathematics. Everyday Math is a comprehensive program based on the belief that students learn best through repeated exposure to concepts and hands-on investigative activities. The program focuses on developing greater mathematical competence and problem-solving ability.

Each day, Bartlett Elementary School staff and students are involved in the daily instruction and assessment of student learning. Assessment tools include the NHEIAP, NWEA, writing prompts, running records in reading and the Terra Nova. This fall our third and fourth grade classes also piloted the NECAP, a statewide assessment that was developed in a joint venture with Rhode Island and Vermont. These assessments, along with our literacy and numeracy folders, provide a broad view of student learning over time. To date, we have seen major growth in the areas of reading and mathematics. We will continue to focus on writing, an area of difficulty for many students.

PBIS has come to Bartlett in 2004! This school-wide program focuses on behavioral issues in the school environment. Bartlett students and staff have chosen to focus on the areas of respect, responsibility and safety. Behavioral expectations were developed for each area of the building. These expectations are explained and modeled to the students. Children who are "caught" using these targeted behaviors are recognized with a special PBIS sticker. The school will continue its ongoing focus on positive behavioral expectations of all students and will also focus on students who are at-risk or have chronic discipline problems.

Throughout the year, our partnership with St. Anselm College has grown in many ways. Bartlett has provided the opportunity for many of the college's students to complete course requirements such as observations, internships and service learning. Many students and staff from St. Anselm College have served

as Big Brothers or Big Sisters to our students. St. Anselm College has provided us with classroom space for professional development activities. The Digital Divide initiative, which uses technological instruction to create a bond among college students, elementary students and senior citizens, continues. The list goes on and on. We appreciate everything that St. Anselm College does for Bartlett Elementary School. They are always there when we need them.

Bartlett Elementary School opened in September 2004 with 258 students and several additions to our staff. We were very excited to have the following staff members join us this year:

Preschool - Jen Guillemette, Nicole Richard, Debra Perron- Assistant.

Special Ed. Assistant - Debra Miller, Karen Blunden, Alicia Carrier,
Judith Lavoie

Classroom Paraprofessional - Judy Evans, Barbara Hammond

ELL Tutor- Wendy Guevin,

Physical Ed.- Sean Johnson

Information Center Asst.- Stacey Chauvette

This fall, Bartlett Elementary School once again received a Blue Ribbon Award. The Partners in Education presents this award to schools that demonstrate outstanding volunteer programs. Special thanks go to everyone who volunteers at Bartlett and to our volunteer coordinator, Lisa Lambert, for her time and effort.

The breakfast program continued to be strong this year. Bartlett began offering breakfast to our students in November 2003 and the number of students who participate in this program continues to grow. About 60 students are served breakfast each morning. Special thanks go to Cheryl Nault for making such a delicious breakfast each day.

Throughout the year, many events and programs take place at Bartlett Elementary School in order to provide a well-rounded education to our students. Some of these programs include monthly All-School Meetings, Lunch With the Principal, School Spirit Days, McDonald's Student of the Month, Grandparents' Lunch, Red Ribbon Week, Kids Voting, Martin Luther King Celebration, Dr. Seuss' Birthday, a Memorial Day Program, Project Night, and Bartlett Bash. To help our fourth graders with their transition to middle school, our annual Fourth Grade Farewell was held for the first time at Mountain View Middle School.

I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard to help us provide an excellent learning community for our students. If you have any questions, please contact us at 623-8088.

MAPLE AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Marc Boyd, Principal 2005 Annual Report

The New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program (NHEIAP), which was administered to our third graders, in 2005 has recently been replaced by the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). The District has also implemented the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) to assess our third and fourth grade students' skills in Reading, Language Usage and Math. We are currently beginning our second year of NWEA assessment. The NWEA is a computerized measure of academic progress. This test produces scores that make it possible to monitor students' growth along a developmental curriculum scale. Because the test is matched to the student, the scores tend to be more accurate than some other measures. The achievement reports a RIT score, which shows a student's current achievement level along the curriculum scale.

Based upon our scores of Maple Avenue students in the fall of 2004, 80% of our non-special education 3rd grade students scored average or above in the area of reading, and 82% scored average or above in mathematics. Non-special education 4th graders taking the fall 2004 NWEA scored even higher with 88% falling in the average or above range for reading and 85% scoring average or above in mathematics.

Based upon 2004 – 2005 NWEA scores, special education students made dramatic gains, 60% of special education 4th graders exceeded mean growth in the area of reading with 25% of them moving from the low to the average range. In the area of mathematics 88% of special education 4th grade students exceeded mean growth with 47% of them moving from the low to the average range.

We have also tracked the reading progress of students by grade level. The assessment results are based on in-school assessments. These are the most consistent forms of assessment from grade to grade. At the beginning and end of grade 1 teachers use an oral reading assessment. At the ends of grades 2 and 3 students are given a silent reading comprehension assessment.

Beginning with the students who were the first grade class of 2001-2002 we found that 62% of the entering first graders were on grade level. By the end of their first year, 90% were on grade level. At the end of second grade, 89% were on grade level, by the end of third grade 93% were on grade level. Based on preliminary NWEA data, at the end of fourth grade, 91% of the students scored average or high or exceeded the typical mean growth from fall to spring.

We found the entering first grade class of 2002-2003 had 79% on grade level. By the end of their first year, 95% were on grade level and by the end of second grade, 90% were on grade level.

The entering first grade class of 2003-2004 had 64% of students entering on grade level. By the end of their first year, 90% were on grade level and at the end of second grade, 91% were on grade level.

The entering class of 2004-2005 had 44% of first graders on grade level. By the end of their first year, 90% were on grade level.

In Summary:

- A range of 44 to 79% of entering first graders demonstrate on grade level reading skills.
- By the end of first grade 90 to 95% of students are reading on grade level and maintain their progress through 2nd and 3rd grades.
- We look forward to utilizing the NWEA data to track student progress at the third and fourth grade levels as well as use it to identify strengths and weaknesses of students and plan instruction to meet their needs.

In closing, Maple Avenue Elementary School children are being educated in a school community that values them and that works extremely hard to ensure their emotional, physical, and academic needs are successfully met. The staff and parents/guardians are working collaboratively through the Parent and Faculty Together Organization and individually to make Maple Avenue Elementary School a mecca of learning and understanding for the children.

MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

Rose LaRochelle-Colby, Principal

This year's theme "All aboard! Take the MVMS Express to Success!" has been the vehicle and emphasis for the work of our staff and students. During the time that spans the start of the school year and into the middle of October, our students participated in two major assessments. September was the month dedicated to administering the second year of NWEA MAP (measure of academic progress) testing and in October our students took the NECAP assessment. The NECAP assessment is given in every school in the state of New Hampshire to students in grades three through eight. Students in all grades are assessed in reading and mathematics and students in grades five and eight take an additional writing assessment. NECAP results are anticipated in February or March 2006.

To determine the instructional strategies that are most effective to advance student learning, our teachers have begun to look at NWEA assessment data that shows growth over time for both individual students and whole classes. Using New Hampshire Grade Level Expectations and district curricula, our staff worked with SAU colleagues to develop six units of study in each content area last summer. The six units of study compliment the new trimester grading schedule and provide teachers with a framework that informs the pacing of content and instructional practice. Ever mindful of the need to make transitions

for our students as fluid as possible, we will continue to work with our sending schools on curriculum development that is responsive and complimentary to student assessment results.

What has our assessment data told us?

- NWEA ~ Most MVMS students met or exceeded the spring level anticipated growth in math and reading
- All grades demonstrated impressive and continued growth in the spring math assessment

Our arts program has grown over the past year with a record number of students participating in band and chorus. The fifth grade Artist in Residence program provided a rich experience in poetry and weaving for all our students. Our interscholastic sports participation continues to be of high student interest with the greatest student and spectator growth evidenced in wrestling.

Community outreach is alive and well at MVMS! The spring marathon, organized by staff members to benefit one of our students, and our annual Turkey Trot are only two examples of the activities that demonstrate the commitment of our staff and students.

As I prepare to leave Mountain View Middle School, I know that the administrative team, the staff, and the students will continue to excel. During my sabbatical year, I had the opportunity to visit many schools throughout the state. I returned from that experience knowing that MVMS is a gem. I know that this gem will be cared for and nurtured by caring teachers, support staff, and administrators. I would like to thank the members of the Goffstown community who have been so wonderful to me during my career here as a teacher and administrator.

GOFFSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

FRANCIS J. MCBRIDE, PRINCIPAL

Goffstown High School is in a pattern of improvement. Goffstown's NHEIAP Scores (the spring state testing of 10th graders in reading and mathematics) for 2005 continued the trend, with the number of "advanced" learners actually higher than the state average, and the number of "basic" learners fewer than the state average. The results improve upon the previous 4 years of increasing state test scores and rising SAT averages. Other indicators of student engagement and success are a declining failure rate, a declining dropout rate, and an increase in the average daily attendance rate.

With the numbers telling the story, Goffstown was pleased to learn in December 2005, that we are a finalist in the annual competition for School of Excellence—the "EDies" award. As we go to press, we anticipate a school visit

in January 2006 from the EDies Committee that will help to determine which of the third-round high schools will be the winner for 2006.

Also, in the fall, Goffstown High School began the two-year self-study process leading to re-accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges—a process which takes place every ten years. Since the last visit, in 1997, the high school has changed and improved significantly. Former deficiencies are now areas of strength. The faculty is approaching the task of the self-study with confidence and enthusiasm, and is preparing the committees that will do the work of looking at the central issues of curriculum, instruction, and assessment, as well as other aspects of school functioning. Students, parents, and community members are working together with teachers on the self-study. In preparation for this work, the Mission Committee has revised, streamlined and updated the school's Mission Statement and Expectations, and the Mission has been endorsed by the faculty and approved by the School Board. More work with the mission will continue in 2006, as GHS strives to keep the focus on school improvement and student achievement.

Better communication about student progress is a key to student success. The high school is rapidly moving toward computer-based programs that will make student information more available to teachers, administrators, and parents. In November, the school converted from WinSchool Student Information System to PowerSchool. In the near future, PowerSchool will allow parents online access to grade and attendance information in addition to the progress reports and report cards sent home with students.

Goffstown's teachers have achieved local and state-wide recognition: in September, English and theater teacher Lee Mannion was recognized as Wal-Mart's New Hampshire Teacher of the Year after winning the local contest at the Bedford, NH, store. The school received a \$10,000 grant from Wal-Mart. Her application will be sent on to the national competition. In November, social studies teacher Ami Marler received a Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award! These are amazing examples of the quality educational staff we have in our schools!

The Goffstown Area Stadium Community Project, funded through school impact fees and the very generous donations of community members and businesses, has been very busy in 2005. The initial phase of sodding, irrigating, and fencing the varsity game and practice fields behind the high school has held up well. This past summer parking was added as well as additional playing surface. This second phase of the project also includes the purchase of bleachers, the installation of a scoreboard, the building of a baseball diamond, fencing new field space, and the extension of irrigation lines. Future project goals include installing a baseball backstop, possibly installing lights, building a press box, and adding permanent storage. We remain confident that through continued fundraising and great volunteer efforts provided by so many community members, the project will continue to be one in which we are all proud.

Goffstown High School continues to be a mission-driven school, preparing students for engagement in the ever-changing world of the 21st century.



SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING PROGRAM

CURBSIDE PROGRAM:

- GLASS should be rinsed clean. Clear, brown and green glass is accepted.
- ALUMINUM, TIN and STEEL CANS should be rinsed clean.
- PLASTIC should be rinsed clean. #1 through #7 plastic is accepted. Containers and bags must be clearly marked with the number and recycling symbol.
- ASEPTIC PACKAGING such as juice boxes and milk cartons should be completely emptied and rinsed if possible.
- CORRUGATED CARDBOARD should be flattened and cut down so that it fits inside the 65 gallon recycling tote.
- MIXED PAPER - junk mail, magazines, newspaper, cereal boxes, office paper, etc. are accepted. Soiled paper products are not accepted.

Please do not place food waste in the Blue Recycling Tote.

TRANSFER STATION DROP-OFF PROGRAM:

- TEXTILES should be clean, dry and bagged.
- CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS - painted lumber, windows, doors, asphalt roofing materials, sheet rock, etc. are accepted for a fee.
- ALL DRY CELL (HOUSEHOLD) BATTERIES are accepted.
- WET-CELL BATTERIES such as automotive batteries are accepted, providing the cases are not broken.
- LEAD SINKERS, WASTE OIL, ANTI-FREEZE, FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS are accepted.
- LEAVES must be removed from plastic bags and placed in the compost pile. BRUSH is limited to no larger than 5" in diameter.
- SCRAP METALS such as appliances, bikes, etc. are accepted.
- PROPANE TANKS are accepted for a fee. TIRES are accepted for a fee.

Please contact the Transfer Station for a complete listing of fees and acceptable items (497-4824).

TRANSFER STATION SCHEDULE:

The transfer station is open **Tuesday through Saturday, 7:30 am to 3 pm.** The Transfer Station holiday schedule can be found at the following web link:

<http://www.ci.goffstown.nh.us/dpw/holidays.pdf>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call 497-4824.



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TOWN HALL 497-8990

Admin/Selectmen	Ext...	100	Planning	117
Assessor		112	Sewer	116
Building		114	Tax Collector	110
Finance		104	Town Clerk	109

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

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Fire (Pinardville)	622-6713	Police	497-4858
Goffstown Village Water	497-3621	Public Works	497-3617
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SCHOOLS

Bartlett Elementary	623-8088	Goffstown High School	497-4841
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